

RANCHING AND GRAZING LANDS.

It must not be supposed that grain growing is the only use to which the vast area of territory adjacent and tributary to Regina can be utilized. There is on reference to the map a large territory, lying between the C. P. R. track and the International boundary 160 miles in depth, which is most favorable for carrying on ranching on a large or small scale. The features of this territory for this purpose are that it is a rough rolling country, being traversed from east to west by a range of hills known as the Dirt hills, and further south again just north of the boundary is Wood Mountain. These hills and mountains are interspersed with streams running in various directions and with coulees and prairies which seem specially to have been designed to afford shelter and protection during the winter season to the stock that will at no distant day be placed upon this large and fertile district. Just here it may be well to say that even on the very top of those hills mentioned the grazing is quite equal to the valleys; in fact it is remarkable that cattle and horses prefer the grasses that grow upon the higher plateau hills, while sufficient timber is to be found at convenient distances to fill all the requirements of the rancher for fuel, building and fencing. It has been long considered that Alberta was the only district suitable for ranching in the Territories, but it is now conceded that West Assinibolia is quite as favorable for that purpose, from actual experience of the few who have gone into it within the last five years. Their herds of cattle or bands of horses have come through the winter season with as great success as those who carried on the business in Alberta to the west of us. We can we believe offer greater inducements to parties contemplating going into stock raising than any other district as our territory is as yet very little taken up, giving those first in the choice of large area over which to make a selection. We are also three to five hundred miles nearer to the eastern market, our territory being of the two fold nature suitable for ranching and agricultural pursuits, will also afford a home market to a great extent to the parties engaged in raising a fine class of stock to improve the herds of the farmer.

In the Qu'Appelle Valley which is about twenty miles north of the C. P. R., will be found various parties engaged in raising cattle and horses, who have made a great success of it, and even now parties are reaching out north as far as one hundred miles from Regina, where they find suitable locations for carrying on ranching. We mention this to show that the territories tributary to Regina both north and south, are as well suited to accomodate