

The Weyburn District—Its Extent, Climate, Fertility

THE DISTRICT DIRECTLY TRIBUTARY TO WEYBURN, and which looks to Weyburn as a distributing and trade centre, comprises an area of from forty to fifty miles in every direction of the compass and embraces an acreage of over a million and a half acres of the best agricultural land in Saskatchewan, or, in fact, in all Canada. The Weyburn district is one of the most thickly settled in Saskatchewan and the cultivation of new lands is progressing with marvellous activity. The nearness to railway facilities, the exceptional fertility of the soil and its

specially advantageous position with relation to the international traffic, make it a favored section with incoming settlers from the States.

The climate of Southern, and especially South-eastern Saskatchewan, is an ideal one for grain growing purposes and for mixed farming. There are a number of features that combine to make it not only a healthy and invigorating climate, but a pleasant one to live in and experience the "joys of life" the year round. The elevation above the sea, which averages from 1,500 to 2,000 feet, insuring a clear and dry atmosphere; the comparatively light precipitation, adequate, however, for all practical purposes; the equable temperature during the winter months, the light snowfalls, the large proportion of bright sunshine, the summer breezes and the clear ozone-laden air—these are features of the South Saskatchewan climate that give it high commendation, and that cannot be too strongly emphasized. Devastations by storm or flood, earthquake or cyclone are absolutely unknown.

The soil of the Weyburn district cannot be surpassed for variety, richness, fertility and adaptability to cultivation. Wheat is, of course, up to the present time the all-important crop and is grown in the Weyburn district with great success. 1,250,000 bushels of Wheat were marketed in Weyburn last season. Oats grow to perfection here—bright, strong tall straw that produces abundance of feed—splendid long heads of grain, well filled and turning out enormous yields. Barley and Flax are cultivated with marked success and Barley especially, in view of the nearness to the United States markets, is destined to become one of the future great crops of this district. Corn, Alfalfa and all the tame grasses known to the northern climate can be grown profitably in the Weyburn district. The root crops—Potatoes, Turnips, Sugar Beets, Carrots, grow to great

sizes and yield immense crops. In fact and in short, the Weyburn district, from an agricultural standpoint, is the ideal district for mixed farming, which is the farming of the future.

THE POPULATION OF THE DISTRICT DIRECTLY TRIBUTARY TO WEYBURN, AND WHICH LOOKS TO WEYBURN AS ITS TRADING, MARKETING AND DISTRIBUTING CENTRE, IS ESTIMATED AT BETWEEN FORTY AND FIFTY THOUSAND. OVER A MILLION AND A HALF DOLLARS WAS PAID IN CASH AND THROUGH THE WEYBURN BANKS, FOR THE GRAIN PRODUCTS OF THIS DISTRICT LAST SEASON, AND THE ESTIMATED VALUE OF THE FARM PRODUCTS FOR THIS SEASON, WHICH WILL BE HANDLED IN WEYBURN, IS NEARLY TWO MILLION DOLLARS. THIS MEANS CASH TURNED INTO THE CHANNELS OF TRADE, RE-INVESTED IN LANDS AND IMPROVEMENTS, OR ADDED TO THE RESERVE WEALTH OF THE COMMUNITY, AND EACH RECURRING YEAR ADDS VALUE TO THE FARMS, TO THE BUSINESS OF THE MERCHANT AND TO THE TOWN PROPERTY OF WEYBURN IN AN ARITHMETICALLY PROGRESSIVE PROPORTION OF INCREASE.

