

endowment of shrewd common sense and hands ready to take up anything that came first. He began his western life with a yoke of oxen and plough, turning the prairie turf on a farm close to old York City. The early settlers met with much to dishearten them; the first attempts at growing a crop not proving successful; nothing daunted he struck out for Brandon as a hired man, and with his earnings resumed farm work in the settlement. From work he branched into various mercantile pursuits gradually extending operations. To-day his estimated wealth is worth about \$50,000, acquired during 16 years of farming and business in the west.

It would occupy too much space to enumerate in detail a short sketch of Yorkton's business men who are doing a thriving trade. Amongst others may be named, Messrs. Bull, Dunlop, Collocott, Beck, Ashdown, Betts, Magrath, Switzer, Douglas, Ebly, Patrick. The farmers and ranchers who are well-to-do, with large herds of cattle; their names are legion.—Yorkton (Assa.) Enterprise, Aug., 1899.

THE EDMONTON DISTRICT.

A Splendid Farming Country.

The Agricola colony has a population of 1,200. Many of these settlers were in very poor circumstances when they arrived, though the majority of them had stock of their own. Now, with scarcely any exceptions, they are prosperous and happy, while many of them are comparatively wealthy. As examples of what has been done by the colonists in the Agricola, Alberta, district last year, the crops of several of the leading men were mentioned. Hugh Irvine, who has been in the country five years, threshed 3,200 bushels and received 70 cents a bushel for it. Jas. Fitzgerald raised 3,000 bushels in his fourth year of settlement. James Atkinson had a crop of 3,500 bushels. These men started without capital.

In addition to this, the opening of British Columbia mining regions by means of the Crow's Nest Pass railway will furnish a second market for what the Edmonton farmer can produce. Hundreds of square miles of magnificent farming country yet remain for cultivation in the Saskatchewan valley, which can be bought at a very reasonable price.