
REGINA AS A LOCAL MARKET.

No town in Canada affords a better market for products of the farm than Regina. Butter, eggs, lard, pork, beef, mutton, etc., always command a high price, owing to the large local demand. During the winter months two hundred and sometimes three hundred Mounted Policemen are quartered at the Regina Barracks and their wants should be supplied by the farmers of the neighborhood, but in the past the supply has not been equal to the demand, and Regina merchants have been obliged to import the articles named from other parts of the country. There is little danger, at least for many years to come, of the supply exceeding the demand. Apart from the Mounted Police, the requirements of the town proper will be constantly increasing, while the many railway and mining towns to the west of us will always afford a good market for these staples. Butter has rarely fallen below 20c. per lb., eggs average about 22c. per dozen, and Regina butchers are paying \$32.00 to \$35.00 per head this season for two year old steers. Raising cattle for the Regina market has been found by farmers of this district to be a most profitable enterprise. The richness and abundance of our prairie grass, the quality and quantity of native hay, and the ready sale and good prices for cattle in the Regina market are things intending settlers should carefully consider. Pork and mutton are always in good demand. As to wheat, oats and barley, we need hardly speak. These staples always have had and always will have a ready market no matter in what part of the world they are grown, and Regina is no exception. The Regina flouring mill is the farthest west in the North-West Territories, and is therefore in a position to control the western flour market, and as this mill uses about 125,000 bushels of wheat per annum, intending settlers can readily estimate the good effect upon our market of so large a consumption by one firm. This firm has just completed an elevator of 25,000 bushels capacity.

Complete returns from threshers in the Regina District show 281,254 bushels of grain threshed up to January 1st, 1889.