

the Dominion. Nowhere from the Rocky Mountains to the Atlantic, has the writer seen such cabbages, cauliflowers, beets, carrots, peas, beans, parsnips, celery, etc., as are commonly to be seen growing in the gardens of many sections of the district, without any particular effort to assist nature, in the way of fertilizing or artificial watering. The marvellously fertile soil, with the ample rainfall and summer warmth, but without scorching heat, accomplish more than all the arts known to the Eastern market gardener.

The production of such crops, particularly near a large centre such as Edmonton, is particularly profitable, there being at all times an excellent demand at highly profitable prices.

**HAY AND FODDER CROPS.**—Wild Hay is plentiful in many portions of the district, particularly in the newer sections. Timothy has been found to be very successful, and a large acreage is sown to this grass in some sections of the district, and has proved highly profitable. Brome Grass and Rye Grass have been found to yield abundantly. The Clovers have as yet been grown only in an experimental way, and farmers have not yet felt that they are a necessity. When tried under favorable conditions, however, the common red clover has been found to do remarkably well, producing a fine stand. The same may be said of Alsike.

Alfalfa has not yet been grown to any large extent; but a large number of farmers, particularly in the neighborhood of Edmonton and Strathcona, are trying this crop in a small way, and have demonstrated beyond doubt that conditions are eminently suited to Alfalfa, and the acreage under this crop is likely to increase rapidly.

Green Oats is the crop most largely grown for dairy feed, as this crop can be raised at very slight expense and is found very satisfactory feed. As Oats commonly grow from four to six feet high in Central Alberta, and proportionately thick on the ground, enormous yields are obtained, and can be relied upon any and every season.

## FRUIT

Though Tree Fruits have not yet been successfully raised in the Western Canadian Provinces, it has been amply demonstrated that all small fruits do exceptionally well in Central Alberta. Raspberries, strawberries, black currants, and gooseberries grow wild in the greatest profusion throughout the district. These fruits, as well as red and white currants, have proved a great success under cultivation. The rich soil, adequate moisture and absence of extreme heat or parching winds are particularly favorable to the production of great yields of fruit of wonderfully fine size, appearance and flavor.

Mr. James Chegwin, of Leduc P. O., for many years a strawberry farmer in the Niagara district, the great fruit section of Eastern Canada, reports that he has been uniformly successful in raising straw-