

size, and frequently weigh from 2 lb. to 3 lb. each, whilst squash grows to 100 lbs. and 125 lbs. in weight.

"During those first two years of your life out West you will have had lots of hard work, but now you begin to reap the harvest of your labours, and can enjoy more leisure.

"During odd times you will find plenty to do improving your farm, putting up fences, additional buildings, and so on. Of course, many men who go out have not sufficient money to enable them, even after they have taken up land, to live permanently upon it. There are thousands of such. Usually they live on the farm in the winter and work for other farmers in the summer, and arrange with some neighbour to do the requisite amount of ploughing and seeding on their farm, returning the labour to him at some other time, and do this for two or three years, until well enough off to live altogether on their own place. Many who go out rent a farm for a year or two, and in this way secure a living, and are enabled at leisure to look round for a suitable locality to settle in. There are plenty of farms to rent upon advantageous terms. Many are let upon the share system—the owner providing the land ready for seeding operations and furnishing the seed, the tenant doing all the work and giving a proportion of the crop for rent. In this way a large cash outlay on the part of the tenant is avoided.

"Not a few go out to Manitoba with the intention of following the particular line of business they have been accustomed to at home. It is possible they may be able to do so, but it is also very possible they may find all these avenues full, and in that case must be prepared to do something else. Find out some honourable work, and pursue it with your might, and depend upon it God will prosper you.

"In a very brief and very general way I have tried to tell you what you may expect to do when you reach the Canadian North-West, but of course a general rule is not in every case applicable. Individual cases require special adaptation to the circumstances surrounding them, but usually the adaptation may be upon the general lines I have indicated.

"To the ordinary English mind there is one great drawback to settlement in Canada, and that is the climate. It is represented by interested and unscrupulous United States' agents, and often by ignorant but well-meaning people in England, as being too rigorous for any but Esquimaux and polar bears to exist. Nothing is further from the truth. After spending four winters in the country I can honestly say I prefer the winter of the Canadian North-West to the miserable cold, damp, fog, and slush of the English winter. Most British people who have lived long enough in the country to overcome feelings of home-sickness will tell you the same, whilst settlers from the eastern provinces of Canada almost invariably admit their preference for the climate over that of the part from which they come. It is my firm conviction the climate is one of the healthiest, if not absolutely the healthiest, in the world; and all admit it is specially suited for children. The winters are undeniably cold, but as the atmosphere is dry the cold is not felt nearly so much as in countries where the temperature is higher and the humidity greater.