



Party of Landseekers from the United States Just Arrived at Strathmore in Two of the Company's Private Cars.

a four-year-old colt than a steer of the same age, it will be seen that horse production here, with the necessary capital, is an easy road to success.

### Cattle.

We have already briefly referred to the question of beef production, with special reference to Southern Alberta's nutritious grasses. The feeding of the cured prairie grasses puts a finish on beef almost equal to grain. Southern Alberta is now supplying the province of British Columbia with beef, as well as the Yukon Territory. In addition a large export business to Great Britain is done.

It is a fact that the cattle of this section are of much better quality and breeding than the average run of range stock in the Western States. The best pure-bred bulls are being generously used. It is an interesting fact that the City of Calgary is the home of the largest individual pure-bred cattle auction in the world. This sale takes place in the month of April each year, and on that occasion stockmen gather from far and near to purchase their bulls and to transact other business. Shorthorns, Herefords, Polled Angus and Galloways are the chief breeds, while a few Holsteins and Ayrshires are produced.

For the smaller breeders, while dairying and beef production must necessarily go hand in hand, a good milking strain of Shorthorns is found the most profitable.

To show what kind of cattle are produced, it may be mentioned that a train-load of four-year-old steers from a ranch near Cochrane, after being driven 140 miles, and shipped by rail 2,300 miles to Montreal, weighed at the end of the trip, on the average, 1,385 lbs. Four-year-olds and long threes have during the past four years netted the owners from \$40 to \$50 on the range; three-year-olds and good cows, \$32 to \$37 each; old cows from \$24 to \$28. Calves from six to eight months old are worth from \$10 to \$14. However, prices seem to be advancing, and one shipment of cattle from Alberta to Chicago last fall averaged \$70 a head, ranging in price from \$53.34 to \$85.18.

### Sheep.

Sheep, in common with other stock, have always prospered on native Alberta grasses. With the growth of alfalfa and field peas on our irrigated lands will come a marked extension of the sheep-raising industry, and the ever-increasing population in the eastern part of Western Canada, where, for climatic and other reasons, stock raising is not profitable, will forever guarantee a satisfactory market.