

water; and, if prairie fires are kept out, the people can never fall short of fuel and building timber; the timber is fine and large. We saw some fine cattle, and the farmers are all contented and doing well. We met William Swan, who came from Fargo three years ago with a team, some farming machinery and \$17 in cash. He has a fine place, six miles of fencing, and threshed last year 46 bushels to the acre. He and his sons own a section of land, and his improvements are worth all of \$2,000. We have taken free lands for ourselves on the Battle River, 14 miles from Wetaskiwin, and so have Messrs. Collins, Frankhanel, Spancer and Murray, all from this district. We can fully recommend this district to any farmers who wish to find new homes for their families. There are no taxes, except a small school tax of about \$3 in districts where there are schools. Homesteads are still to be had from 18 to 25 miles out of Wetaskiwin.

(Signed)

John Marth.

John Eruger.

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(Translation.)

**READ WHAT EVEN OLSTAD, FROM  
FOSTON, MINN., SAYS.**

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Information for Scandinavians in the United States About  
the Conditions in Alberta.

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During 1894 I emigrated with my family to Alberta, Canada, and have now been here about four years, and I am thus acquainted with the country and its conditions. I can say that I like it well here and do not repent that I left Minnesota. I believe that Alberta, with regard to the fertility of the soil, can fully compete with Minnesota, in spite of the fact that farming is not carried on upon such a large scale here as there, but the products are just as good, if not better.

Last year's harvest of wheat gave from 10 to 50 bushels per acre, depending upon how the soil was cultivated, or on an average 20 to 35; oats from 35 to 75, and barley 20 to 55 bushels per acre. In regard to the raising of cattle, this territory is far ahead of Minnesota and Dakota, as the cattle can here be brought up cheaper and obtain higher prices. The good and rich summer pasturage makes them grow quick, so that oxen are full-grown at three years of age.

As a dairying state, Alberta is yet in its infancy, but I am fully convinced that dairying will become the chief industry of this state. These products will bring good