
GROUARD—THE COMING METROPOLIS OF

Climate

Eminent scientists like Prof. Selwyn, Dr. Dawson, Sir Sanford Fleming and others have on behalf of the Canadian Government given the climate of Western Canada a thorough and scientific study. Their conclusions have been substantiated by the thousands of settlers who have come to the country. No one ever left Alberta because of the climate. The ridge of the Rocky Mountains falls as it approaches the North and permits the Western sea breezes to spread over the Peace River District reproducing practically the same conditions as obtained at the international boundary. These warm currents known as "chinooks" are full of the fragrance of the far-off sea, bearing beneficent moisture on their wings and pregnant with potential harvests.



Section of Grouard from Lesser Slave Lake

Agriculture

In the forefront of creative man stands the farmer. In no other calling is the opportunity for advancement so great. His is the most indispensable vocation in life. The famed Peace River District stands pre-eminent for fertility of soil, the luxuriance and abundance of its crops, and the suitability of its climate. Here is found prolific growth; here no drought nor cyclone terrors; an abundance of water and an absence of winds. Cattle multiply and thrive and a more select and diversified farming country could not be found on the globe.

Especially has nature been prodigal directly around Grouard. Here is a superabundance of grasses varying from three to seven feet in height. At least ninety-six different varieties of wild grasses have been identified, of which forty-six make excellent hay. There is absolutely no need for tame varieties, but timothy takes to the soil like a native and grows as fine as may be seen in any country. This summer (1912) about three thousand tons of hay were put up within a radius of three miles of Grouard and as much more could have been cut. Nowhere could the farmer do better