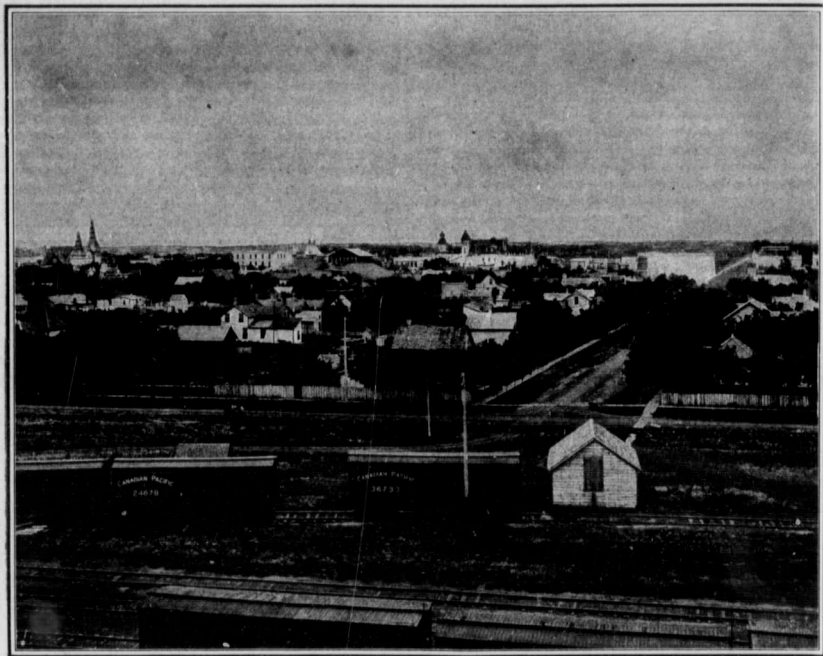




Portage la Prairie, Manitoba.

Hints to New Settlers.

HARTNEY, March 3, 1904.

Dear Sir:

I see by this clipping from the Winnipeg *Telegram*, which I enclose, that there is an interest taken in the comforts of life for new settlers in the West, and as I have been interested in it personally for fourteen years and have not only planted homes for myself and family, but have been instrumental in getting many settlers in by advising them and lending some money to come and showing them how to build a good sod stable, too, I beg to offer you my plan, hoping it may help others as it has done many here in this locality; that is, for a stable 27 feet square inside I take sods ploughed from sloughs, 12 inches wide, 4 inches thick, cut 2 feet long, and thus I make a wall 3 feet thick, making the stable 30 feet square outside, 8 feet high. I take four 6x6 timbers, 12 feet long, for posts, set them 9 feet for equal stalls, put on four plates for upper end of poles, set poles on the wall, making a cottage roof with a small window in top on south side at peak. Two doors in south side with a glass in for light; thus I have with brush on to keep the sods or for sheeting with two sods thick and dirt on top it will turn nearly all the rain we have, with care to get dirt out of the well or cellar. We have stables here ten years old and we built a stone stable last summer, but prefer keeping the horses and stock in the sod, as it is dry and warm. I used one side for a granary on starting, and I think it is the cheapest and most economical stable that can be built for a new settler.

It only cost six posts, five stringers, and poles about two waggon loads, with brush and a few boards for a door.

I have just returned from a two months' tour to California and through the Middle and Southern States as far as New Orleans, and I found many young men who would like to join us in filling up this great Northwest. I may go up to the Saskatchewan or southwest of Battleford district this spring or summer and take a homestead, or buy some C. P. R. land if it suits my fancy, but I have every confidence in the West, and only get a good garden and fields of wheat and comfortable buildings and I find the people are contented and happy. Everyone thinks he has the best place on the face of the earth.

Yours truly,

[Signed] A. N. MULLETT.

DETROIT FREE PRESS, Wednesday, January 9, 1904:

A GREAT COUNTRY FOR YOUNG MEN.

CHARLES H. GAGNIER PRAISES CANADIAN NORTHWEST.

He Has Been Ranching There for the Last Two Years.

Brown as a berry and weighing almost 200 pounds, Charles H. Gagnier, a former employee of the Detroit Free Press, returned to this city yesterday from the Canadian Northwest, where he has been conducting a ranch for the last two years. Mr. Gagnier is enthusiastic over the prospects of the Northwest Territory and declares that many a fortune will be made there within the next

few years. Alberta, by the way, is the home of Horatio K. Gagnier state are contented.

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Mr. Gagnier expects to return.

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