

in the homes around ; he will be at my home the coming Sabbath. We expect to hold our first communion service the last Sunday of this month.

And now for the drawbacks (we have them), but nothing very serious. The mosquitos are simply abominable, especially after a shower. You cannot take any comfort walking or driving, but if a little breeze is stirring they lie to the bushes and await the next balmy still day to avenge themselves. But it is claimed these will disappear as cultivation advances. Then again, we are surrounded by bachelors ; we have no less than 18 single men in this neighborhood, on matrimony bent. When a feminine gender of any age between 14 and 40 visits these hills we pity her, so great is the demand for her company. Can you aid us, Mr. Editor, through your valuable paper? Another drawback is the distance from town. To be without sugar, hair pins, kerosene, etc., perhaps two weeks, before a team can be spared for a two days' journey to the Fort, is estimated to ruffle the best of natures. Even this trouble cannot last long, for a charter has been granted for a railway to Victoria, which will give us a town at Beaver Lake. Another drawback,—the man we settlers most enjoy to see (mail carrier) only puts in an appearance once in two weeks. We intend rustling a lengthy petition this fall for a weekly mail. We have just been granted a new post office, and this will follow in due time.

In conclusion, if the remainder of our loved ones were here with us, we should better enjoy life on Ross Creek, and unless the unexpected develops, consider this will be a pretty fair place to end our days.

Mrs. S. A. Brigham.

GREW 14,000 BUSHELS OF GRAIN, IN 1899.

Dauphin, Dec. 18th, 1899.

To F. Pedley, Esq.,

Supt. of Immigration,

Ottawa.

Sir,—I came to Manitoba and settled in the Dauphin district in 1889, taking up the N. E. $\frac{1}{4}$ of 9-25-19 and paid \$3.00 an acre to the C. P. R. for this land.

I did not at first cultivate much land on account of having no railroad, but in 1898 and 1899 have grown 14,000 bushels of grain,

In 1898 I had a field of 44 bushels of wheat per acre, and this year my wheat crop averaged 31 bushels per acre.