

they like it better than where they came from—whether the eastern provinces or the Old World. And they almost unanimously recommend their friends to come here and settle.

Regarding fruit culture a variety of opinions are expressed. Our correspondents are of the opinion that all the smaller fruits can be as successfully raised in the Northwest as in any part of Canada. A goodly number believe that the hardier kinds of apples can be raised here. The experiment has never been properly tried. It will probably be some years before our farmers devote much attention to this important matter, but, when they do so, there is every reason to believe that they will meet with encouraging success.

The immigration this year is something enormous. The country is being rapidly settled up. Now is the time for the residents of older countries to seize a golden opportunity for bettering their condition. We have here, in the language of Prof. Goldwin Smith, a "land of immeasurable promise." The rich prairie soil has but to be tickled to yield up its wealth. The climate, as one correspondent says, is "invigorating, inspiring and inviting." It cannot be excelled. The cold winter soon succumbs to the warm blush of spring. Even at this early date seeding is well advanced. Those most entitled to be heard say this is the farmers' paradise. Drawbacks there may be, but they are merely temporary. With such a soil, with such resources, and with such vigorous pioneers, the future of the great land is assured.

THE QUESTIONS.

- Residence (township and county) ;
- Number of acres held (homestead and pre-emption) ;
- Number of acres broken and buildings erected ;
- Number of years residence in Manitoba or N. W. ;
- Quality of land in locality ;
- Your opinion of the country as a home for farmers ;
- How does it compare with former home ?
- Crops raised last year ;
- Average yield of different cereals per acre ;
- Crops best adapted to the country ;
- Possibilities of fruit culture ;
- Experience of climate ;
- Would you advise your friends to settle here ?

