

weighed 14½lbs. One bushel of potatoes will produce from forty to fifty bushels.

"Wheat, barley, and rye I have only seen in small quantities; but I am of opinion, that no country will produce a more abundant crop, or with so little trouble, as on Red River.

"The natural produce of the soil, is wild flax, wild rice, cherries, pears, raspberries, strawberries, grapes, bush cranberries, currants, plums, crab apples, and different roots, which the Indians prepare as food. The plains likewise abound with medicinal herbs and roots. Salt springs are very common; and the sugar maple is to be found in every point.

"I need not mention the immense herds of buffaloe that graze on the plains, or the number of elk and moose deer that inhabit the woods.

"A line, with sixty hooks, set across any part of the river, will give you from sixty to a hundred catfish per day, each weighing from 9 to 25lbs. besides, sturgeon and many other fish peculiar to North America, may be taken in great abundance with nets. In the fall and spring, wild fowl of almost all descriptions are very common. The general price of a buffaloe, as large as an English ox, is from twenty to thirty rounds of ammunition, or from three-fourths to one pound of tobacco.

"But the real value of the country, is the fertility of its soil, and the facility that nature offers to the industrious of obtaining the reward of his labour. Here a luxuriant soil only asks the labour of the ploughman: not a root or stump requires to be taken up. **THE LANDS ARE ALREADY CLEARED.** The plains present you with a pasturage of many hundred miles in extent; and your horses and cows (except those required to be