

One eyewitness is better than ten hearsays.

VEGETABLES AND FRUITS.

"Last year," said Mr. Gaetz, "I have grown potatoes at the rate of 720 bushels to the acre. That is a phenomenal yield, but we can grow from 300 to 400 bushels of potatoes per acre, without any extra attention, skill or manure. We can also grow carrots, cabbages and cauliflower. I have frequently seen cauliflower at Calgary Fair that were a yard in circumference. In reference to small fruits I may just say that this is another matter that has to be experimented upon. I have grown red currants, black currants and strawberries with considerable success, but not what would satisfy me."

A resident of the district writes, that "the northern part may be described in general terms as rolling prairie, dotted over with bluffs of spruce and poplar, interspersed with lakes and meadows, and intersected with numerous small creeks, giving the whole a particularly park-like appearance, which, in point of natural scenery, is beyond the possibility of exaggeration. I have seen the most beautiful spots of five of the eastern provinces, and of several of the states across our southern border, but I have never seen any section of country which in its natural state could compare with this. Indeed it is almost impossible for a stranger looking off some commanding butte, to realize that the delightful prospect all around him is in 'condition primeval.' It would not seem difficult to persuade some Rip Van Winkle awakening suddenly among such surroundings, that the buildings and fences had been mysteriously removed, and that those beautiful bluffs in the distant landscape were the orchards and ornamented trees among which stately residences had once rested, and that those smooth symmetrical slopes were the fruitful fields of a departed race of agricultural princes."

These lands are within a short distance of Calgary on the Canadian Pacific Railway, and trains now run through the midst of them.