

At and around the Hudson's Bay Company's Post on the north end of Green Lake there is a considerable settlement of half-breeds. A Roman Catholic Mission is established here. Revillon Frères have also a post. The Priest has a good garden having all kinds of vegetables, also has a small fruit garden growing currants, gooseberries, and raspberries, also strawberries. These all thrive and mature.



THE PRIEST'S OAT FIELD AT GREEN LAKE SETTLEMENT.

Green Lake is important as a stopping place for freighters in winter and consequently large quantities of hay are stacked. Some oats and barley are grown, but no real effort has been made to farm. Father Teston of the Mission says that he has grown oats and barley for fifteen years in succession and so far has not had a failure. I interviewed a native named Morin, who said that he had grown potatoes, oats and barley in small quantities for 35 years and could not recall having ever had a failure. He has never kept a record of when he sowed or when he harvested, neither has the Reverend Father. Morin owns thirty-five head of cattle and twelve head of horses. He has sown wheat on six or seven occasions and it always ripened. In his opinion there is no doubt that wheat could be raised anywhere in the locality. The ice in Green Lake goes out early and it is generally very late before it freezes. The summers are always warm and there is ample rain. The gardens, which I saw here, were certainly fine although they were not cared for as they should have been. Weeds were allowed to grow in profusion.

HE LA LA CROSSE SECTION.

Attached hereunder is a plan marked "C" showing the approximate boundaries of what I term "He la la Crosse Section."

This section is by no means so good from an agricultural point of view as the Green Lake Section. Nevertheless it is capable of considerable agricultural development to sustain a fair population, and though there are some features of a good land along the shores of lakes and rivers the general character of the land is low and swampy and the natural drainage will have to be considerably improved to make any large area available for settlement.

He la la Crosse Lake, Buffalo Lake and Clear Lake are practically all one body of water. No current is noticeable in what is called "Deep River," connecting He la la Crosse Lake and Clear Lake, it being simply a protracted narrows of these lakes. This immense body of water may be taken as the head waters of the Churchill River.