

year, till he gets into the ways of the country, and he is making money the time he is getting his experience. Others, again, who want to make a home immediately after coming, would require from £200 to £250 if they have families.

Lastly, I may say that as soon as a settlement is formed, schools and churches are opened, and in this country there is far more social enjoyment than where I came from at least.

JOHN RIDDELL,

HENSALL FARM, Virden, Man., Canada.

I came to this province from the Province of Ontario in the spring of 1884, and I find that my family and myself have enjoyed the best of health; our children have had the benefit of school privileges equal to those of the older Province of Ontario, and we are better financially than we were there.

We have not hitherto done much in the way of stock-raising, ours being especially an arable farm. We are now, however, going into mixed farming, believing it to be a more satisfactory system.

During the past seasons our wheat has averaged 27 bushels per acre and oats 53.

We have always kept from twenty-five to forty hogs, and have found them to pay well. I think it is desirable for a settler to have about \$3,000 (£600) to make a satisfactory start in this country. Of course, more would be better, but if he is possessed of a good constitution, energy, perseverance and common sense he will succeed.

Whilst I say \$3,000 to make a satisfactory start, of course a man can get along with a good deal less, but would have drawbacks to contend with.

I would advise any young man who is not an experienced farmer to engage for a year or two, at moderate wages, with a thoroughly practical farmer, and make up his mind to take hold of everything as it comes, and thus learn not only the principles but also the practice of farming.

JAMES ELDER,

BELMONT, Man., January 12, 1893.

I look upon the Canadian North-West as the most desirable field in America, if not in the world, for intending settlers of the right kind from the Maritime Provinces; that is, those trained to agriculture, whether farmers or farm hands, married men with families and means, or young men and young women without means. To every one who is able and willing to work there is abundance of room and opportunities to better their condition.

The kind of men wanted are those who are ready to take hold of work, who have an ambition and a determination to succeed. There is no such thing as failure with that class, whether with or without means. On the other hand, this is no place for loafers, grumblers or those who are waiting for something to turn up.

The prospects for immigrants to the North-West are better to-day than at any previous time. The country is being rapidly opened up and developed. The railway companies and government officials are ready to assist and advise immigrants upon their arrival, so that a great deal of the hardship the early settlers had to undergo land hunting is done away with. If any one contemplates moving, I say try Manitoba or the North-West. Come determined to rise and to make yourself a home. Depending upon God's providence and your own exertions, it will be strange indeed if you fall to better your condition.