

near the Red River, or Portage LaPrairie for the first year after coming to the North-West; but I do not think it a good plan, unless you intend buying some farm in that locality, in which case it will give you ample time to look around.

There are some very pretty farms having extremely rich soil, which can be bought on the river fronts, but for myself, I would prefer going to the

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toward the west. A person who prefers timbered land, can get what he wants near the Riding Mountain. If part timbered and part prairie is wanted, near Oak River or Bird Tail Creek will be the best and most convenient place to go to, although there is a large amount of this kind of land near Pelican Lake and the Turtle Mounds; but it is likely that it will be some time before railway communication is opened to these places. There is also a large amount of bare prairie lands of good quality lying between Pelican Lake and Turtle Mounds. There are some very suitable places for stock-raising at various points along the Assiniboine, from the boundary of Manitoba westward, but the best localities for producing hay are in the Province of Manitoba, especially near Lake Manitoba, Boyne, Sole and Reseau rivers.

If you choose to go to Manitoba in summer time I think

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but if you take my advice, and the advice of a good many others, you will avoid the boats of the Beatty Line, between Sarnia and Duluth, until the proprietors think fit to provide better accommodation for second-class passengers, and also employ respectable officers to maintain proper order on board. The "Quebec," on which I came from Duluth to Sarnia, is a safe boat to sail on, so far as storms are concerned, and I believe Captain Anderson to be a good navigator, and a gentleman, but his time, in stormy weather, is taken up too much in sailing the boat, leaving the passengers to the care of the other officers, whose conduct and conversation on some occasions were far from proper, where unprotected females were among the passengers, and I might add, scarcely fit to be repeated in a respectable paper. The accommodation for second class passengers is not of the kind which should prevail in a civilized community, and much behind the rival American lines, which I would patronize if I were going with my family to the North-West, which I hope to do before many years.

THE END.