

ing: (1) Want of knowledge of the country, and agricultural affairs in particular. This can be got over easily by any man with a fair education, an average intellect, and an ordinary supply of common sense. (2) Want of capital. This is easier got over than want of knowledge, for a man willing to work, and especially a skilled laborer, can soon make capital for himself; and by working for others he sees different methods, and when working for himself he can adopt that which gives best results. (3) Indisposition to work. This is the greatest difficulty of all; and so many young, strong, healthy fellows come out here because they felt indisposed to work at home, and are disappointed at their want of success, that I must warn all intending emigrants who think they can live without working not to come here.

This is the first of a series of letters on "Mixed Farming," so perhaps you will excuse its being so much of an explanatory nature.

Yours, etc.,

D. C. Cruikshank.

Edmonton, Alberta, May 25th, 1898.

Mr. J. H. M. Parker, Duluth, Minn.

As I promised to write you, I do so. I arrived here safe, also Mr. and Mrs. Thompson and Baker, of Duluth. Thompson and Baker have located, and are now building their houses. They located 22 miles east of Edmonton. They were well pleased with the country, as well as myself. I went out with a party of delegates and looked over the country. We all went to Wetaskiwin and went out southeast. We were out four days and travelled at the rate of 50 miles a day. I took pains in looking over the country, and made the acquaintance of many farmers, and all like the country and are all doing well. I found the condition of the farmers better than I expected to. There is considerable government land, but you must get back from 20 to 35 miles. All the delegates are locating and are going to get all they can. I think that all newcomers ought to have a year's provisions and a little money. I found five elevators at Edmonton and two at Wetaskiwin

W. A. Clarke,
Mantor, Mich.

Winnipeg, 9th June, 1898.

We, the undersigned delegates from Barnesville, State of Minnesota, have just returned from visiting the Battle River district, near Wetaskiwin. The land is very rich, black loam, clay subsoil; hay is in abundance; good