

"As long as the west is blessed with winter frosts and summer irans," says Professor Macoun, "so long will teeming crops be the product of her soil."

The same authority makes the following statement:

"The chief nutriment is first nitrogen then potash and phosphoric acid, which predominates; but what is of peculiar importance is the lime contained in the soil whereby the nitrogen is set free and ready to be absorbed by vegetable organisms. The latter property is defective in many soils and where it is found defective recourse must be had to artificial means by putting lime or marl upon the same.

From this analysis there is no doubt that to the farmer who desires to select for his future home a country which has the most productive soil and promises the richest harvest no country in the world offers greater attractions than the Strathecona District of SUNNY ALBERTA.

## HOMESTEADS

In the Strathecona district there are some homesteads still available, they are 60 or 70 miles from the city and 30 or 40 miles from a railroad, but the building of projected railroads will bring many of them nearer the rail in the next two or three years.

A synopsis of the Canadian regulations regarding homesteads is as follows:

Any person who is the sole head of a family, or any male over 18 years old, may homestead a quarter-section of available Dominion land in Manitoba, Saskatchewan or Alberta. The applicant must appear in person at the Dominion Lands Agency or Sub-Agency for the district. Entry by proxy may be made at any agency on certain conditions, by father, mother, son, daughter, brother or sister of intending homesteader.

Duties—Six months' residence upon and cultivation of the land in each of three years. A homesteader may live within nine miles of his homestead on a farm of at least 80 acres solely owned and occupied by him or by his father, mother, son, daughter, brother or sister.

In certain districts a homesteader in good standing may pre-empt a quarter-section alongside his homestead. Price \$3.00 per acre. Duties—Must reside six months in each of six years from date of homestead entry (including the one required to earn homestead patent) and cultivate fifty acres extra.

A homesteader who has exhausted his homestead right and cannot obtain a pre-emption may take a purchased homestead in certain districts. Price \$3.00 per acre. Duties—Must reside six months in each of three years, cultivate fifty acres and erect a house worth \$300.00.

## CUSTOMS REGULATIONS FOR THE SETTLER

The Customs tariff provides for the free entry of settlers' effects as follows, it being understood that "live stock for the farm" means not more than 16 head: