

than four or five days at a time when it is melted by this wind, thus making the winters mild and filling the creeks and ponds with water for the stock on the ranches. In the summer these creeks are constantly supplied with water from the melting snow in the mountains, so that during summer and winter there is always to be found throughout the district an abundance of water for grazing and all other purposes.

The wild grasses are most nutritious, as has been demonstrated by the thousands of cattle sold from the different ranches all in first-class condition for the market.

The surplus cattle are shipped to British Columbia and to the European markets via Montreal.

The grain raised in Alberta at present is largely required to supply local requirements. The surplus finds a market in British Columbia, the Orient, and to some extent in Eastern Canada. Winter wheat is successfully grown in Alberta, more especially in the southern parts, and the area under crop is rapidly increasing.

The cool temperature in summer, with the grasses and pure cool mountain streams mentioned, make Alberta one of the best countries to be found for **Cheese and Butter-making**, and it is rapidly becoming as noted for such industries as for its ranches.

There is a local lumber supply at Edmonton and other points, but the finer grades are obtained from British Columbia.

The province is opened up by the Canadian Pacific Railway and its branches from Calgary to Edmonton and to Macleod, and by the