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The Stony Creek District.

By Reginald Beatty.

Stony Creek district is situated in the electoral division of Kinistino and during the past summer has attracted a great deal of attention from delegates and immigrants and over 200 homesteads have been entered. Some eight years ago, on retiring from the Hudson's Bay Company's service, during which time I had seen a great part of the North West, I decided to settle with my family on a farm and having heard this district highly praised by the natives, I came out and found it even a finer country than reported, so I located on section 20, township 44, range 18, west of the 2nd meridian, and have continually resided here since.

I have grown wheat, oats, barley and peas, also all kinds of vegetables, with good success, and have had a crop every year, never a complete failure; of the different varieties of wheat sown, Ladoga has proved the surest, invariably ripening before frost. The country as a rule is rolling prairie, well watered by running creeks and occasionally a lake, springs are numerous, and on every farm water can be obtained by digging. Timber is abundant both to the south and east, chiefly poplar with some spruce and birch.

We generally stable our cattle some four months, sometimes less, native horses winter out and do well; last year we lost six pail fed calves early in August and being busy did not bother about them late in the season; we finally found them some 30 miles from home on December 23rd, fat and kicking and drove them home in a day; they would no doubt have easily wintered out.

The district is well situated for prospective rail-

way facilities, the Manitoba and North-Western Railway intend building through the district. The Hudson's Bay Railway will in all probability traverse it, and the most feasible route to the lower Saskatchewan is along the Pasquia hills directly through this settlement. Our post office, Melfort, is now the terminus of the mail route easterly from Prince Albert, saw and grist mills are now being built, on Stony Creek, both a medical man and a veterinary surgeon have settled down amongst us the last summer a large number of stock have been brought in, and the prospects for this season are very bright, and there are numbers of vacant homesteads still to be had, twelve townships having been surveyed during the past summer.

The illustration on page one, is from a photograph showing some of the vegetable, root and grain exhibits at the 1892 show of the Carrot River Agricultural Society. The views on pages 3 and 5 show a group of stacks on the farm of Mr. W. F. Myer's, M. L. A., and the farm house of the pioneer settler, Mr. Reginald Beatty.

Persons wishing to learn more about the district are invited to correspond with Mr. W. F. Myer, M. L. A., whose address is Kinistino, Saskatchewan. The free homesteads in the district are administered by Mr. John McTaggart, Dominion Lands Agent, Prince Albert, Saskatchewan.

Opinions of Vermont Delegates.

In May of this year a number of delegates from the state of Vermont, U.S.A., on the solicitation of Mr. D. J. Waggoner, Colonization Agent for the Dominion Government, visited the north-east portion of Saskatchewan with a view to selecting lands for settlement. As a result the majority of them decided to locate there, some have already gone on to the lands selected and others are making arrangements to do so. Following are extracts from reports made by them, the originals of which have been officially filed with the Department of the Interior.

J. R. Parker, of Morrisville, Vermont says at Prince Albert they were met by Mr. S. S. D., who acted as guide for the party to Stony Creek, where they found as fine a section of country as the sun ever shone upon, with a soil of fine rich mould varying from 12 to 24 inches in depth, in fact one of the best places for mixed farming in the world. It is fast being settled with good, intelligent people and is in his opinion a good place for

industrious people of moderate means to procure homes for themselves.

I. H. Kelley, Barre, Vermont, says that being a farmer of some extent and wishing for broader fields he decided to look over the Saskatchewan district. On May 8th, he started from Prince Albert for Stony Creek, crossing fine farming lands. At Mr. Harper's, where the party stayed the first night, he found some of the finest farming lands he had ever seen, with plenty of timber and water and lots of game. The second night he spent with Mr. Prvin who has a fine farm, on which last season 450 bushels of oats were raised on five acres. There is plenty of timber and water, the soil being a dark rich loam some two feet deep or more. He also saw very fine land at Melfort Creek and was astonished at the quantity of game. Large herds of cattle and large fields of wheat, oats and barley were seen on several farms. He met several settlers with their families, goods and cattle coming from Dakota to settle at Melfort

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in a most advantageous lumber. In addition to forests on the northern quantities of lumber in the vicinity of its extent is unknown. will guarantee the success. It may be that it is of the adjacent country from its west boundary west of the 2nd meridian by all good loamy black within the mark when I percentage of waste land as in any other similar territories. The easterly well wooded, but there are openings in it. Hay vicinity of Carrot River cattle can be raised without pretended that cattle there as in the grazing westerly parts of the in graze out the whole to be sheltered and fed in so with the advantage prairie parts and in the its immense advantage and if the Hudson Bay developed, I think cattle as well as on the grazers are vast feed grounds in the Hills where wild luxuriantly. On these late. Mr. Reginald his young stock to until December. ct on the head of Carrot 2 or 14 years, and crops Beatty has been farming 3 years, and has always quantity and quality in both well with the best. Last a influx of settlers in the Dakota and other parts some from the eastern country. All seem to be and are hopeful for the old say there is a very district which offers as good farming and cattle of the North-West.