ships known to backwoods-men in clearing up heavily timbered lands.

In addition to the great productiveness of the soil for wheat, it is also admirably adapted for the growth of oats, barley and all other kinds of grain, the yield per acre being very large. Roots and vegetables of all descriptions grow in the greatest profusion, the yield, as exhibited at the agricultural shows throughout Canada during the present autumn, being superior to similar articles grown in other parts of the Dominion.

The country is well adapted for raising cattle, the prairie grass being peculiarly nourishing and in unlimited quantities.

It also makes excellent hay, the only expense being the cost of cutting and drawing to the farm yard. So excellent is the prairie grass that cattle driven for hundreds of miles across the plains, towards a market, improve steadily in weight and condition, as they proceed on their journey. The abundance of grass and hay, and the excellent root crops, which are grown, render the raising of large herds of cattle extremely profitable. An English nobleman has lately satisfied himself of this by personal examination on the spot, and has already started a large stock farm in the Little Saskatchewan country.

Horses remain out throughout the winter, the depth of snow being light, and when brought in, in spring, are in better condition than when turned out at the beginning of winter. They are frequently herded in bands of from one to two hundred, in charge of one man to prevent them roaming too far.

The climate of Manitoba and the North-West is extremely healthy. Fever and ague, which exist in so many parts of the Western States, are here entirely unknown. In summer, the heat is by no means oppressive, the nights being always cool and bracing. The heat, whilst amply sufficient for the thorough maturity of the crops, is no greater than in Ontario, or throughout the North-Western portion of the continent. In winter the cold is steady and no greater, as a rule, than is met with in all parts of the western part of the conti-