

## SETTLEMENTS.

Settlements have been started 20 miles north of Prince Albert, and some years ago an American went in there and has a beautiful farm. The witness brought in a collection of vegetables from that country, and he never saw a better lot of farmers' produce in his life. This original American pioneer was growing Turner raspberries, and any one will tell you that where you can grow Turner raspberries, fall wheat will grow, and where fall wheat will grow the climate is fit for anything. The settler in question got the Turner raspberries from witness in Prince Albert. It takes a certain climate to grow that raspberry, and they claim the same climate will grow fall wheat. It is not the wild raspberry of the country; but a variety sent out from the experimental farm in Ottawa. Wild raspberries grow all through that country.

That one man starting out demonstrated that the climate was all right, and others followed suit, and there are now 150 or 200 settlers in that country, which was considered a few years ago as no good.

The same remarks apply to the country clean out to Candle lake. That country is fairly clear and open and there is some hazel brush, and where hazel brush will grow the land is considered good, and where poplar will grow it is also considered good soil.

## MEANS OF COMMUNICATION.

Mr. Cook explained that the people out on the Saskatchewan and north of it anticipate being able to ship by the Hudson bay route. They are all expecting it. They consider that there is not a question of doubt, but that it will be successful. They expect an open route via Hudson bay for half of July, all of August, September, October, November and a part of December. Witness was speaking from the information received from people who spent their lives on Hudson bay. He had met men in the Hudson bay service who had been up in Ungava. Many of the Hudson bay officials come in to the Prince Albert district to settle, after they have been superannuated. From information obtained from these old Hudson bay men, his honest opinion—nothing more—was that it was a perfectly feasible route for the months he had given; half of July, all of August, September, October, November and a part of December.

Mr. Cook, concluding, remarked: 'When you are shipping out your cattle, you are sending them by the short route, and the shrinkage will be light. One feed, or probably none at all, will take you to Churchill, and you will get a third of the crop out at least before the frost, and that will be a great relief to that country.'