

between them the largest unbroken tract of wheat growing land to be found on the American continent. A large area of desirable free grant land has been opened up for homesteading. The Province of Alberta is situated immediately east of the Rocky Mountains and north of the State of Montana, covering an area of about 253,000 square miles. It is characterized by a mild climate in winter and cool breezes in summer. Its location gives it the benefit in winter of the chinook winds, which follow a north-easterly direction from the current in the southern Pacific Ocean, whence they receive their warmth. The snow in winter rarely lies longer 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 the summer and winter there is always to be found an abundance of water for grazing and all other purposes. The grain raised in the Edmonton district does but little more than supply local requirements. 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 are countless herds of fat cattle on the ranges of Southern Alberta, which at any season are neither fed nor sheltered. The ranching industry in Southern Alberta seems, however, to be undergoing a radical alteration. The rancher is giving way to the mixed farmer. Some of the larger men are realizing on their property, and are being replaced by farmers who have some of their land under crop, but keep a herd of cattle as well. The Alberta horse has already become noted for endurance, lung power and perfect freedom from hereditary and other diseases. Thoroughbreds from Great Britain and Kentucky, Clydesdales from Scotland, Percherons from France, and trotting stock from the United States have been imported at great expense, with the result that the young horse of Alberta will compare with any in Canada.

The valley of the Province of Saskatchewan, which extends from the Rocky Mountains to Manitoba, contains some of the most fertile soil in the world. This newly-formed Province