

"Having travelled over a good part of Manitoba and the North-west Territory before settling here, I have come to the conclusion the county of Minnedosa is the best adapted for settlement of any part I have seen, for the following reasons :—

1. "I consider the soil unsurpassed for the maturing of wheat, oats, barley, and all kinds of roots and vegetables.

2. "Wood being of vital importance to settlers in this prairie country, I think for that reason the county of Minnedosa is better adapted for settlement than any other portion of Manitoba west of Winnipeg.

3. "As good water is of great importance for the use of settlers and for manufacturing purposes, I think the county of Minnedosa well supplied in that respect, as the Little Saskatchewan River runs across the county from north to south, it being a large stream of pure water, and probably the best adapted for milling and manufacturing purposes in Manitoba or the North-west Territory. Besides this, there are numerous small streams, and many ponds of good fresh water, and good water can be had by digging from 10 to 15 feet in any part of the county.

"I had this year under crop 21 acres. Wheat averaged 35 bushels per acre, and potatoes 350. My next neighbour had 40 bushels of wheat to the acre, and another 42. I think probably about 38 bushels to the acre would be the average in this neighbourhood. Oats would average 60 bushels.

(Signed) ARCHIL HARE,
Late of Ireland.

Rose Valley, 15th November, 1881."

"I am a native of Scotland. Have lived many years in Ontario, sold out and came to Manitoba the summer of 1878, with my wife, daughter, and four sons. I preferred this Little Saskatchewan country to any visited; it has all the advantages a farmer requires for successful farming and stock-raising. I took up 320 acres of land for myself, and 320 acres for each of my three sons, and an additional 80 acres of timber land, in all 1360 acres. I am well satisfied with the country, and my sons are the same. We had 75 acres under crop this year, realising 2175 bushels of first quality grain, an all-round average of 20 bushels to the acre. All kinds of vegetables do well. Potatoes and turnips produce an enormous yield when properly attended to. But the proofs I have had of stock-raising convince me beyond doubt that this country is well adapted to this pursuit. I came in three years ago with 2 cows and 2 calves. These doing well, I purchased last year 3 cows, with calves at side. I have now 20 head, 10 milking cows and 10 young stock, all in