

SETTLERS' EXPERIENCES.



Duhamel, Alberta, Canada, Sept. 6th, 1898.

I came to this part of the country last April with a wife and four children, had no money, went to work at once at carpenter work and earned enough to put in a small crop, which consists of seventeen acres of oats and five acres of wheat, all of which has done well. I worked in the States at carpenter work for ten or twelve years. Living cost so much there I could save no money. I wouldn't take \$5 a day and a life job to go back to the States again. I'm convinced that this is the country for a poor man with a family to make a home for his old age, where he has a good government to live under, which gives him 160 acres of the best land that is in this world. Had I come to this country ten years ago I would be well-to-do to-day. Anybody wishing to come to this country can fully rely on Mr. C. O. Swanson. We found him very reliable, truthful and trustworthy in every respect. His address is, Mr. C. O. Swanson, Canadian Northwest Colonization Agent, Department of the Interior, Ottawa, Ont., Canada.

Yours truly,

Robt. M. Mutch.

Alberta, Canada, July 31, 1898.

Dear Brother,—We are about 40 miles on our way to Edmonton, having arrived at Lesser Slave Lake on the 23rd of June, and it is the prettiest place I ever saw. From where I sit in front of the cook's tent I can count 30 tepees belonging to half-breeds. With the lake so calm, I can't compare it to anything but a sea of oil; and the wild hay far surpasses anything I have ever seen before, and also potato tops away ahead of anything in the older countries. We saw wheat and oats that looked well. We are working on our way back, and expect to reach Edmonton on the 27th, perhaps later. We are putting in bridges and such like. Mr. Chalmers is at the lake yet. We expect him every day on his way to Edmonton. I am going to send this letter with him.

I will now give you a short history since we came to Alberta. When we arrived at Edmonton last spring there was quite a delegation of us. Every one we called on had