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### Stock Shipments Satisfactory

According to figures supplied by the C. P. R. regarding the output of stock from Alberta some most satisfactory features of this industry are noted.

The small rancher is replacing the large owners to a great extent and mixed farming is gaining ground, especially in the Northern part of the province. Cattle shipments, while falling off to some extent on the whole, are increasing in the regions where mixed farming is being carried on, and the prospects for a substantial increase in these shipments is looked for next year.

#### HORSES.

Shipments of horses show a satisfactory increase at prices slightly in advance of last year, and foreign inquiries, backing the local demand should tend to a still further rise in values of first class animals.

#### HOGS.

While shipments of hogs were considerably in excess of 1908, the supply has not nearly reached the demand, notwithstanding higher prices and more steady markets than have prevailed for years. However the fact that shipments are now being made from districts where hitherto there have been none, is proof of the extension of mixed farming over new areas.

world is building railways faster nor under a better system, than Canada.

In many parts of Canada the seasons are short and the winters rigorous, but in sunny southern Alberta, climatic conditions are ideal for pushing, active manhood. The days of winter are short and there are periods of cold weather when the thermometer marks 30 degrees below zero, but these cold snaps last but three or four days, when the warm chinook winds come in across the Rocky Mountains from the Japan Current, and the weather is changed from winter to spring, and so continues for the greater part of the season, but the compensations for the short days come in June, when darkness falls at ten in the evening and when day commences to break at two in the morning; when grain in the field hardly ceases to grow for one minute of the twenty-four hours of the day.

We feel that we cannot do better than quote, in conclusion, from the article of a scientific farmer who writes The Albertan, as follows:

"In the first place as to soil, in its natural state, I consider it to be the best I have ever seen anywhere and other things being equal, is adapted to growing anything in the way of grains and grasses and if it were possible to have a longer growing and ripening season the yields would be something abnormal.

This business must be regarded as unsatisfactory. Shipments show a decrease in mutton wethers of nine per cent., instead of an increase as should be the case under normal conditions, nor is there any evidence of intention on the part of flockmasters to extend their operations.

The following figures show the stock movement for the province of Alberta for the year with approximate returns:

#### SHIPMENTS.

Horses, 20,211, \$2,324,265; cattle, 127,577, \$5,740,965; sheep, 37,024, \$296,192; hogs, 60,769, \$907,690; grand total, \$8,969,112

### Canada the Land of Opportunities

Answering the pertinent queries of many prospective settlers in Canada, who are seeking information nearly every day, let us say here, in order to save repeated writing and postage, that Canada is the land of opportunities, and the coming country of the industrial and agricultural world.

As good land as ever lay out of doors can be bought for from \$10 to \$30 per acre, and on terms, according to the circumstances of the buyer, from crop payments, to cash down; but ordinarily one can purchase the choicest lands of the country by paying one-fifth down, the balance in four equal yearly payments.

There are also some good Dominion lands that may be secured under the homestead laws, which are very liberal in Canada, and besides his homestead, one may take an adjoining quarter section, as his pre-emption right, at \$3 per acre. After a settler has lived on his homestead for three years he is eligible for citizenship and can prove up on his homestead and it is then that, under the law his first payment on his pre-emption becomes due, one-third to be paid down, and the balance in five equal annual payments.

As to markets, we have the world at our doors, through the splendid system of railroads existing here under Government patronage and control, and no country in the

newcomer the months of April and May are sometimes disappointing. The season usually opens in March when seeding can be gone on with almost without interruption every day, but on account of somewhat cold dry weather there is very little growth until the middle of May or the first of June — when the warm and wet season on coming in with the long hours of daylight, brings on such a growth that description of it could hardly be believed by a resident of any other part of the world—resulting in a tremendous growth of all kinds of crops, which usually ripen in the latter part of August and the beginning of September. There is sometimes danger of the wet season extending into August and in that case some of the crops keep growing too long with the result of being caught by frost; this being the case last season it made the crop of 1909 the worst on record, but even as it was I threshed an average per acre of 40 bushels of fall wheat and of oats and am feeding my spring wheat and beardless barley in the sheaf.

I have had in some seasons an average of 50 bushels of fall wheat and barley and in 1906 an average of 100 bushels of Benner oats. This I can vouch for as being no guess having sold the oats and am basing my figures on actual weight. As to grasses, timothy can be grown in abundance, the only chance of failure being an unusually cold dry spring. Brome and western rye grass give immense crops but are hard to cure.

Root crops, like potatoes and turnips, do well; also vegetables. But for the ripening of tomatoes and cucumbers extra precautions have to be taken.

All kinds of berries and small fruits do well and respond readily to cultivation. But before closing we must quote from The Albertan's summary of Alberta's growth for the year 1909. Here it is:—

"20,000 acres of land settled upon every day in the year. "Two new towns springing up every week. "Four miles of railway built every week during the year. "One new school section opened every schoolday in the year."

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### Educational Convention

Arrangements have been made for the holding for an Educational Convention in Calgary on March 29th, 30th and 31st. This Convention will in all probability organize a permanent provincial educational association which will provide for the holding of annual conventions of the educationists of the province.

The Minister of Education has nominated a Provisional Executive under whose direction a programme has been prepared. Printed copies of these will be forwarded to all teachers in a few days and all others interested may secure programmes upon application to the Department of Education or to the Provisional Secretary, W. H. Thompson, Principal of the Normal School, Calgary. Full particulars regarding railway rates etc. will be given on the programmes.

### Home Missionaries

March 27, 1910

- LEAVITT
- C. F. Broadbent John E. Redford
- MOUNTAIN VIEW
- A. G. Scotter D. H. Caldwell
- KIMBALL
- H. M. Bohne Lorenzo Hanson
- CARDSTON
- H. D. Folsom Walter Pitcher
- BEAZER
- Hardin West Wm. Tolley
- GLENWOOD
- J. A. Johanson John Nelson
- CALDWELL
- Archie Nielson Bert Quinton
- TAYLORVILLE
- Jabez Brandham Edw. Blazer
- WOOLFORD
- B. F. Lowry August Nielson
- AETNA
- H. M. Maughn A. W. Jensen

Mr. Francis Loose was a visitor in town last Wednesday. He is permanently settled in Glenwood the new town on the Cochrane Ranch, and is perfectly satisfied with his new home. He says the new townsite is building up fast and that there has been a ward organized and meetings and Sunday School are held regularly. He returned on Thursday.—Magrath Pioneer.

### Death of Wm. Green

Word was received last Saturday of the sudden death of Mr. Wm. Green of Macleod, father of the editor. No particulars were given. Mr. Green left for Macleod on Sunday to attend the funeral. It will be remembered that the wife of the deceased was drowned in the Belly River about three months ago and her body has not yet been recovered. This makes the case particularly sad. Mr. Green has the sympathy of the whole community in his hour of bereavement.—Magrath Pioneer.

### A. R. & I. Co. Lost Appeal

Edmonton, March 15.—The appeal of the Alberta Railway and Irrigation Company against the Alberta Government in the matter of building bridges over the irrigation ditches on road allowances, was dismissed by the Supreme Court en banc this morning. The company will now have to build bridges across all their irrigation ditches with cross road allowances.

### Conference Rates To Salt Lake City

SALT LAKE AND RETURN	
Lethbridge	\$28.65
Stirling	27.90
Warner	26.90
Raymond	28.15
Magrath	28.55
Cardston	29.70

DATES OF SALE TICKETS From March 24th to March 31st both dates inclusive.

Tickets are to be sold only to Salt Lake and that destination must be carefully written with ink or stamped upon each individual coupon and across the contract.

ROUTE Via Sweet Grass and Butte,