

pasture for stock in the spring, summer and autumn, make it an ideal country for stock raising and dairying.

Poultry of all kinds do well, a large number of incubators having been very successfully used during the past season.

Swine also do well. The demand for poultry and cured meats has never been filled by the product of



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the West, and large quantities are shipped from other places to replenish the larders of the wheat growers and bachelors of the plains.

Cattle are shipped from here to the stock yards for beef, that have been turned out poor in the spring and by August or September are fit for any market.

Vegetables—such as potatoes, mangolds, turnips, onions, beets, beans, lettuce, cabbage and many

others—can be and are grown of a size and flavor much better than in a warmer climate.

Small fruits—currants, gooseberries, raspberries, etc.—are grown to perfection; in fact all the above mentioned varieties grow wild, as well as strawberries, two varieties of cranberries, and blueberries; while in the Pasqua and Birch Hills hazel nuts are found in profusion. The fact of all

these growing here in the wild state has a bearing on the future of the district, as whatever grows in its wild state in any country can there be cultivated to perfection.

Flowers of many kinds are also grown here—annuals, biennials and perennials—and the climate appears to be peculiarly adapted to many kinds, the cool nights, heavy dews, and long sunny days

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