

The land around here is eminently adapted for wheat growing, while at the same time there is plenty of scope for cattle raising and the ordinary run of mixed farming.

Given that we have like seasons to this, and it appears to be felt that we have entered on a cycle of favorable years, farmers may do well here on a moderate capital, for virgin land may be bought round here, near to town and railway, at figures per acre scarcely beyond the annual rental of good land in the old country. The homesteader, however, has to go further afield as the country settles up. I came here from England in '84.

Climate is very severe in winter but just as healthy. I may add that my crops are absolutely untouched by frost and are largely harvested. I contemplate putting in a large crop next year.

Yours truly,

HENRY FISHER.

HOW MR. THOS. BARTON LIKES THE COUNTRY.

Thomas Barton, a progressive Englishman and well-to-do farmer of the Regina district, under date of the 3rd November, 1888, writes as follows :

"I located four years ago on Sec. 28, 19, 17. My farm is located in the bluffs, one of the most delightful parts of the North-West. It is a black loam No. 1 soil and is capable of producing, under good cultivation, immense crops. This year I had over 30 bushels of wheat to the acre on breaking. I also had a small field of the New Welcome oats, $4\frac{3}{4}$ acres, which threshed 476 bushels, weighing $47\frac{1}{2}$ lbs. to the bushel. This I can prove by others who know all about it and stand ready to make affidavit to the statement. This is equal to 140 bushels to the acre, 34 lbs. to the bushel.

This year I invested in a threshing machine and for the past month have been threshing in the district and I can testify to the great productiveness of the soil. Have just got through at Mr. Henry Fisher's farm, where we threshed over eight thousand bushels of grain. Wheat is yielding all the way from 22 to 42 bushels to the acre, and oats from 50 to 90 and in a few cases, on my own farm for example, over 100.

I find Regina a good market for all kinds of farm produce, grain, butter, eggs, pork, and fat cattle always find ready sale. As to how I like the country, I say first-class. If a man works hard and is a