
GROUARD—THE COMING METROPOLIS OF

On September 1st, 1912, the farmers around Grouard had already threshed their grain and were safe from frost, and there is no such thing as a hail storm in the Peace River Country. Martin Brothers, ranchers, west of Grouard, threshed this summer (1912) one hundred and twenty-two bushels per acre off $7\frac{1}{2}$ acres and the average yield of their whole crop was over 100 bushels per acre. This is only one instance of the abundant harvests reaped in this district. The Roman Catholic Mission has a grist mill where they turn out enough flour for their own consumption and for the farmers who take their wheat there to be ground. The Peace River District possesses an ideal temperature for wheat which is the first physical law relating to wheat raising ; and the second physical law fixes the greatest yield nearest the Northern limit of successful growth. The wheat that took the medal at Philadelphia in 1876 was grown in latitude 59, 750 miles north of the international boundary. Wheat that won the first place at the World's Columbian Exposition in 1893 was grown in the Peace River Valley.

The country generally has a parklike appearance with large stretches of prairie interspersed with poplar and spruce bluffs, which make ideal shelter for stock and as a rule affords the homesteader enough fuel and building material as well as serving to break the monotony and beautifying the landscape.



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Mineral Resources

Grouard is the centre of great coal areas. It has a mine nine miles South-west of the town. In the Swan Hills about twenty-five miles distant there is abundance of coal; the supply is inexhaustible, some of the seams measure over fourteen feet in thickness. Outcroppings can be seen in many places.

A copper mining claim adjoining the town has been recently recorded by an experienced miner who contends that the indications are excellent. He has a shaft sunk and intends forming a company for the purpose of developing it properly.