

**Are you troubled with Severe Storms?** Such a thing is almost unknown. There are occasional thunder storms, but no hurricanes to devastate the country and destroy life as in Kansas, Nebraska and other prairie countries in the United States. This is one of the special features in favour of the Canadian North-west.

**What is a Blizzard?** A name given in the North-west to a severe snow storm. These only occur about once, and not more than twice during the season. As a rule the snow does not fall in large quantities. The prairies are frequently bare of snow about the middle of March, and generally by the 1st April.

**Are Flax and Hemp Grown?** The cultivation of these important crops was carried on to a considerable extent by old settlers many years ago, the product being of excellent quality; but the universal complaint at that time was the want of a market, or of machinery to work up the raw material, and this led them to discontinue this important branch of husbandry. Its cultivation has been renewed extensively by the Russian Mennonite settlers, of whom there are now between 8,000 and 10,000 in the country who, within only three or four years, are, by their untiring industry, rapidly gaining the road to wealth.

**Is Apiculture Successful?** Apiculture is successfully carried on in the North-west, as bees require a clear, dry atmosphere and a rich harvest of flowers; if the air is damp, or the weather cloudy, they will not work so well. Another reason why they work less in a warm climate is, that the honey gathered remains fluid for sealing a longer time, and, if gathered faster than it thickens, it sours and spoils. Our clear, bright skies, dry air and rich flora are well adapted to the bee culture.

**How about Hop-growing?** The banks of the rivers and creeks abound with wild hops, and here is what a resident settler says about them:

Hops will do well cultivated. I have planted wild hops out of the bush into my garden along the fence and trained on poles, bearing as full and fine and as large as any I ever saw at Yalding and Staplehurst, in Kent, England.

**Are Fruits Plentiful?** The fruits of the Canadian North-west are rich in flavor and abundant in yield. Here are some statements from farmers on the subject:

Strawberries, currants, gooseberries, raspberries, and in fact all small fruits, bear in the greatest abundance, and give every promise of being very profitable. W. A. FARMER (Headingley).

Planted twenty apple trees two years ago, which are growing very well.

I have over 1000 apple trees doing very well, and also excellent black currants.

**Any Shooting?** There is excellent shooting everywhere in the woods and on the prairie, as may be seen by the following list of birds and animals to be found:—

**SMALL GAME.**—Prairie chickens, ducks, geese, pheasants, partridges, pigeons, cranes, snipe, plovers, rabbits, &c.

**LARGE GAME.**—Moose, deer, antelope, buffalo, elk, and a large number of fur-bearing animals.

**Any Fishing?** The rivers and lakes abound with the following fish:—Sturgeon of large size, white fish, pickerel, pike, bass, perch, suckers, sun-fish, gold-eyes, carp, trout and muskellunge.

**Any Poisonous Reptiles or Insects?** Such a thing is unknown in the country.

**How about the Settlers now in the Canadian North-west?** They are of the better class of farmers from the eastern parts of Canada, many from England, Scotland and Ireland, and a large number from the United States of America. There are also a number of Norwegian, Swedish and German settlers, and there is a large settlement of Russian Mennonites and Islanders. All of