

River. The number of homesteaders here is twenty-six, of whom sixteen have been advanced assistance in the shape of money, cattle and farm implements by the Manitoba and North-Western Railway Company. But now they are beginning to get somewhat "before handed," as it is termed, and are making preparations to wipe out the liens given upon their lands. Their general progress has not been as marked as that of settlers in other colonies. They appear to be sober and industrious, but seem more inclined to follow other pursuits than to closely apply themselves to tilling the soil. I believe some of them have been workers in mines in former days. Gradually cattle are being gathered by them and no doubt in a few years more this colony will present a marked improvement upon the present condition of affairs. Situated as the settlers here are, considerable clearing of underbrush and cutting of trees will have to be done on the uplands in order to enable them to prosecute grain growing to any great extent.

THE SCANDINAVIAN COLONY, MAN.

Townships 17, Ranges 17 and 18, and Township 18, Ranges 17 and 18 West of 1st Principal Meridian.

This Colony is planted in four Townships in the Riding Mountains, and the greater number of the homesteads are at present located in the vicinity of a fine body of water known as Otter Lake on the east side of which is laid out the Town plot of Scandinavia. Here is a capital saw-mill where spruce, poplar and pine logs are manufactured into all dimensions of lumber, and a shingle machine is now there in running order. There is here, also, a well built and roomy two story frame building splendidly adapted for the temporary residence of immigrants until such times as suitable houses could be put up on homesteads. Besides Mr. I. Hemmingson, who has already done very much to advance the welfare and comfort of those who have sought homes in that part of the country, has a commodious house in which he resides and where all the necessaries of life can be procured by new settlers. The saw-mill has already given much profitable work to colonists. The land in proximity to the town site of Scandinavia is heavily timbered, but farther northward it is more open and better adapted to purposes of pasturing and grain growing. As might naturally be expected the dwelling houses and other buildings erected by the homesteaders here in this well timbered section, are of a good class, either frame or log. Stock raising is being gone into and much the same line of procedure is being followed by the settlers here as that adopted by the Scandinavian and Icelandic Colonies already referred to. One settler, Mr. R. Patterson, of whom special mention deserves to be made, is at present the owner of 4 horses, 3 oxen, 2 bulis, 3 steers, 12 cows, 11 head of young cattle, 6 sheep and 20 pigs, and numerous fowls of various kinds. Six of his cattle are from registered thoroughbred stock. This Colony, I am sure, will succeed. It is said many new settlers will come in there this summer. Of those already there four families came from Dakota, U. S., one family from the State of Wisconsin and one other homesteader came from another State in the neighboring Republic.

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