

Experimental Farm

THE Brandon Experimental Farm was started in July, 1887, and the first crop was taken off in 1888. The farm consists of 700 acres, 80 acres of upland, 100 acres of side hill, the balance valley. The soil ranges from light sandy loam to gravelly loam and on to stiff clay.

The southern boundry is co-terminus with the Assiniboine river. It has a lake in the centre, abundant water and bluffs of timber for shelter. Abundance of spring water can be obtained from 15 to 20 feet from the surface.

The barn is 100 x 50, with a ten foot basement. There are also a piggery, a poultry house and other suitable out-buildings. There are about five miles of avenue trees, and the nursery contains about 100,000 trees. Of the grains grown on the farm there are 75 varieties of oats; 50 of peas, 42 of wheat, 40 of barley and about 200 miscellaneous plots.

Oats yielded from 50 to 114 bushels per acre, wheat 19 to 45 bushels, peas 23 to 50 bushels, barley 35 to 68 bushels.

There were 15,000 visitors last year, and 400 different lots of grain from 3 lbs. to 5 bushels were sold or distributed during the season.

There are about ten miles of road on the farm, two and a half of which are gravelled.

The superintendent, Mr. S. A. Bedford, has the fullest confidence and esteem of the farmers of the province, and is the most popular lecturer at Farmers' Institutes.