

in 1879, they had a frost in the latter part of September, which blighted the tender plants, and it was remarked as the first that had occurred there in thirty years. Wheat ripens perfectly every year in that region.

Where is that? About twenty miles down the Nelson River from the north end of Lake Winnipeg. The climate, there, I think, is as good as in Manitoba, on account of certain favourable conditions.

Prof. Bell says: "Moose Factory enjoys the most favourable climate on the Bay. You are away from the influence of the open sea. James' Bay is far south and comparatively narrow, and the water is warmer than at York Factory.

For further information on this whole subject, see pamphlets and books by the following writers:

Pamphlet compiled and written by J. C. Bailey.

" "Hudson Bay," by C. Baillairge, Quebec.

" "Transactions of the Geographical Society of Quebec." "North West," by Fox, 1635.

J. B. Nevin's Voyage to Hudson's Bay, 1847.

Hinds' Report on Hudson's Bay, 1878.

History of Manitoba, Donald Gunn, 1880.

Ontario Boundary Papers, 1882.

Captain Gordon's Trip to Hudson's Bay.

Geological Reports, Dominion Government, 1879 to 1884,

and many others.—J. C. B.

NOTE.—The information to be gained from a perusal of a great many of the books and pamphlets given above will be mainly historical in character, giving merely a superficial description of the country traversed; hence will, in a very small measure, throw sufficient light on, or assist in, the compilation of any report to arrive at just and accurate conclusions, or give the comparative merits or demerits of any of the many lines now projected (on paper), partaking more of an engineering problem than anything else, and which can only be done by walking carefully and intelligently over the ground in all directions in the neighborhood of each of the several sections, giving, at least, some of the engineering characteristics of the route to be considered—in fact, making a thorough reconnaissance of the whole country; which work, necessarily, will consume months in time, as well as a great deal of money; and in this, and in no other manner, can the absolutely desired ends satisfactorily be accomplished, to the contrary notwithstanding what others may do, write or think about it.

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