Though a large portion of Southern Alberta is bare of timber for fuel, this lack is amply compensated for by an inexhaustible supply of coal of excellent quality, which crops out at many points along the steep banks of the streams that plentifully water the country.

## SUPPLY OF WATER.

In Southern Alberta irrigation is largely resorted to in producing grain and fodder crops, and by this means returns of the most satisfactory character are obtained.

The many streams flowing down from the mountains afford a bountiful supply of water for this purpose, and at the present time some three hundred miles of ditches Railways and canals have and Elevators been constructed Convenient to carry water to the Wheatfield. for irrigation. These streams also afford an unfailing supply of pure and cold water for stock and for dairy operations. and, combined with the absence of flies during the

#### WINTER WHEAT IN ALBERTA.

tion of butter and cheese.

During the past two or three years great success has followed the growing of winter wheat. This has been particularly the case in Southern Alberta, in the neighborhood of the foothills, north of Calgary, and around Lethbridge, Macleod, and Claresholm. Reports are at hand, showing a yield of forty-five bushels to the acre. Writing from Didsbury, Alberta, a farmer who has spent nine years in the country, liking it better as time goes on,

hot summer months, produce the best results in the produc-

says he thinks fall wheat will do as well there as in the East. W. C. Petre, of Red Deer, Alberta, writes encouragingly of the growth of fall wheat in that District.

### RAILWAY COMMUNICATION.

Southern Alberta is traversed from east to west by the main line of the Canadian Pacific Railway, and from north to south by the Calgary & Edmonton Railway, and in addition a branch of the former line runs through the southwestern portion from Lethbridge to Medicine Hat in Assinibola.

and from Lethbridge the
Great Falls & Canada
Railway extends
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way in Montana. Several important centres of trade are situated in Southern Alberta, chief among which are

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the city of Calgary, at the junction of the Canadian Pacific and Calgary & Edmonton railways, and, farther

to the south, the thriving towns of Lethbridge and Macleod. At these points ample banking and business facilities are to be found, and several manufacturing industries have been commenced. Other towns in Southern Alberta are Okotoks, High River, Cardston, Stirling, Magrath, Raymond (where a large beet-sugar factory has been creeted), Claresholm, and Pincher Greek. The District now contains a large number of rancher and dairy farmers; many favourable locations are to be had by incoming immigrants who may desire to embark in either of these undertakings.

#### MORE STOCKMEN REQUIRED.

To quote from the editor of a United States agricultural paper. "At the time of our visit grass on the range was four to seven or eight inches high, and the thousands of cattle grazing were fit for the block.

POPULATION OF CANADA AT INTERVALS OF TEN YEARS1871-1901.										
PROVINCE	1901		OR DECREASE PER CENT.	1891		OR DECREASE PER CENT.	1881	OR DECREASE PER CENT	1871	
PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND		103,259	5.84		109,078	0.17	108,891	15.8	94,021	
BRITISH COLUMBIA	10000	178,657	81.98	1	98,173	98.49	30,247	36.4	33,586	
THE TERRITORIES		211,649	113.86		98,967	75.33	56,446		60,500	
MANITOBA	*	255,211	67.16		152,506	144.95	62,260	247.2	12,145	
NEW BRUNSWICK	Man de	331,120	3.06		321,263	0.00	321,233	12.4	285,594	
NOVA SCOTIA		459,574	2.04		450,396	2.23	440,572	13.6	387,800	
QUEBEC		1,648,808		1,488,535		9.58	1,354,027	14.0	1,191,516	
ONTARIO	WAR THE	2,182,947		2,114,321		9.73	1,926,922	18.6	1,620,851	
CANADATOTAL	* COLOR COLOR	5,371,315		4,833,230		11.76	4,324,810	18.97	3,686,013	

# POPULATION AND AREA.

PROVINCE	TOTAL AREASQUARE MILES			P	PULAT	TION	1901	SQ. MILE(LAND AREA)	INCREASE PER CENT 1891-1901
PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND					103,259			51.63	5.84
BRITISH COLUMBIA			383,300		ref)		178,657	0.47	81.98
THE TERRITORIES	2,585,140						211,649	0.11	111.86
MANITOBA			73,956				255,211	8.95	67.84
NEW BRUNSWICK			28,200				331,120	11.74	8.06
NOVA SCOTIA			20,600			<b>799000</b>	459,574	22.31	2.04
QUEBEC			347,350				1,648,898	4.79	10.77
ONTARIO		W//A	222,000				2,182,947	9.94	3.25
CANADATOTAL			5,371,315				11.18		

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