



HOME OF JOHN RUSSELL—FROM A PHOTOGRAPH.

CRESCENT LAKE SETTLEMENT, ASSINIBOIA.

Mr. Russell left England with wife and family in Spring of 1884. Took up land in the Crescent Lake Location of the Saskatchewan Homestead Co., on 21st May, 1884. Besides general farm work, he built this pretty home during the Summer. The locality is now dotted with similar homes, having passed from a frontier settlement into a prosperous neighbourhood.

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RED DEER SETTLEMENT, ALBERTA.

Rev. LEONARD GAETZ, recently of London, Ont., now settled at Red Deer, N.W.T., reviews the season of 1885 as follows:—
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MY DEAR SIR,— * * * * * Much of the land might have been sown in March if it had been deemed necessary to start in so soon. There was a sufficient rainfall to encourage vegetation without being in any sense a wet season. These rains occurred principally in the latter part of June and first week of July, and were in no case, nor have they been since I came to the country, accompanied by the terrific storms so frequent and disastrous in the East. * * * Haying commenced about the middle of July, and with the exception of a few dull, misty days, was exceptionally favourable for two months thereafter. * * * The estimated yield of oats is 60 bushels per acre, and of wheat, 30 to 35 bushels per acre. Our experience is that tillage tells greatly on the rapid growth and consequent earlier maturity of the crops, as well as increased yield. The root crop is all that could be desired; potatoes, in some instances, a great yield. I have grown this year at the rate of 726 bushels per acre of Late Rose. Of course the average yield of all kinds is much lower than this, but the crop is good throughout the settlement. Stock invariably does well. After another year's experience, I am the more confident that this branch of farming operations affords one of the safest and most profitable investments of capital. The pasture is so rich and abundant, and hay so unlimited, that a man can handle from ten to one hundred head of cattle at so small a cost that the products are almost entirely of the nature of profits. The short season for feeding is a pleasant surprise to an Easterner. Last winter my stock rustled all their living up to the middle of December, and were again rustling part of it as early as the first of March. On the last of March all but my working teams and calves were independent of the stall. From what I have said it must be apparent that this section of our great North-West is eminently adapted for mixed farming. * * * The man who starts with a reasonable allowance for the disadvantages inseparable from any new country, and has the courage to meet them and plod on, has a grand future before him. Such I believe to be the characteristics of our settlers here at present, and so far as I am aware there is no feeling of despondency, but on the contrary, an increased hopefulness and courage.

Personally, if I had known every solitary feature of the experience gained since I set foot on the Red Deer country (except perhaps the Indian revolt), I would not only not have changed my plans, but have prosecuted them with less misgiving. When I change my mind in this respect, I will be as ready to state it as I am the above. I remain, yours sincerely,
LEO. GAETZ.

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