

be done more easily, and nowhere can the frugal, earnest and industrious man start on a smaller capital.

Coal in abundance is found in the south, in the district drained by the Souris River, and there is direct rail connection north-west with the main line of the C.P.R., and eastwardly to points in Manitoba. This district, including the Province of Manitoba, will one day be one of the greatest wheat-producing sections of the American continent, for the following reasons:—

1st—It has a soil particularly rich in the food of the wheat plant. 2nd—A climate under which the plant comes to maturity with great rapidity. 3rd—On account of its northern latitude it receives more sunshine during the period of growth than the country to the south. 4th—Absence of rust due to dryness of climate. 5th—Absence of insect foes.

These conditions are especially favorable to the growth of the hard flinty wheat of the Scotch Fyfe variety, that is so highly prized by millers all the world over, giving it a value of from 10c. to 25c. a bushel over the softer varieties grown in Europe and the older parts of Canada.

The great bulk of the wheat crop for 1894 reached the highest grade, No. 1 Hard.

As an agricultural district Moosomin is a wonderfully favored one, lying as it does in the great stretch of the fertile belt. The area is about 25 miles broad by 72 miles in length, bounded on the east by the Province of Manitoba, on the north by the lovely valley of the Qu'Appelle River, and to the south by the Pipestone creek, a perfect paradise for cattle. The soil is generally loam, covered with about 12 to 18 inches of black vegetable mould, which after the second plowing makes a fine seed bed, easy to work and of the most productive nature. Generally speaking these remarks apply to all the eastern part of the district.

Eastern Assiniboia offers an opening to the poor man if he will work and exercise economy, for after a year or two of hard work he finds himself in possession of a home, all his own, free from the harassing conditions of a rented or mortgaged farm.

WESTERN ASSINIBOIA.

This region is fully equal to the Bow River District in Alberta as a stock country. It is everywhere thickly covered with a good growth of nutritious grasses,—the grass is usually the short, crisp variety, known as "Buffalo Grass," which becomes to all appearances dry about mid-summer, but is still green and growing at the roots and forms excellent pasture both in winter and summer. It is amazing the rapidity with which poor emaciated animals brought from the East get sleek and fat on the Buffalo grass of the plains. The supply of timber on the hills is considerable. There is also an abundance of fuel of a different kind in the coal seams that are exposed in many of the valleys. Settlers in this section of the Company's lands have thus at hand an abundant supply of timber suitable for house logs and fencing, and both coal and wood for fuel.

The Cypress Hills which may be dimly seen in the south from the railway, are especially adapted for stock raising, and as their elevation is sufficient to make general farming an uncertainty, the grass land that nature has so bountifully provided will not likely be disturbed by the plow, thus giving to the farmer on the plains adjoining never failing hay meadows and unlimited pasture ground for his stock. The snow fall is light, the climate is tem-