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| Length of Season  | <p>my sweet peas on the 28th of March and these were blooming profusely on the 1st of July. I planted peas in the first week of April and lettuce and spinach on the 12th of April. On the 1st of July I had cauliflower flowers and peas ready for use. My sweet peas continued to bloom until after the 20th of October, and the pansies were still in full bloom on the 1st of November." Mr. H. E. Teeple, of Camrose, formerly of Iowa, writes: "Small fruit does well. Cattle, horses and sheep all do fine. Last spring we began field work on March 10th, and the first killing frost was on September 8th."</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |
| Crops             | <p>CROPS.—All ordinary crops, such as are usually grown anywhere in the eastern provinces of Canada, or in the more northerly or central western States, with the exception of tree fruits and corn, may be grown in Central Alberta; and generally with better results, greater yields being obtained with less labor, and with greater certainty.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |
| As to Crop Yields | <p>It is a very difficult matter to give enquirers exact information as to what yields of various grains may be expected, as this depends to a very great extent upon the farmer himself, and the thoroughness with which he cultivates. In a general way it may be safely said that in Central Alberta considerably larger yields may be expected than in any other portion of this continent, with the expenditure of the same amount of labor.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |
| Average Yields    | <p>The statistics compiled by the Government show the average yields in Central Alberta for the last few years to be about as follows : Spring Wheat, 23 bushels to the acre ; Winter Wheat, 25 bushels ; Oats, 46 bushels ; Barley, 35 bushels. But it must be remembered that the Government figures cover every acre planted, whether by good farmers or poor ; and that, in a new country, the poor farmers always predominate. This is clearly demonstrated by the fact that it is a common thing to see a good farmer with a field yielding 40 or 45 bushels of wheat to the acre, or 80 or 100 bushels of oats, or 50 bushels of barley ; while immediately alongside, on exactly similar land, with only a wire fence between, his neighbor, who is a poor farmer, gets only half these yields, thus bringing down the average. What is ordinarily accomplished by farmers of some experience is therefore a better indication of the real capabilities of the country, than a mere statement of average yields. For this reason a number of representative farmers were written to for information as to the yields of their 1910 crop. It must be remembered that 1910 was a particularly unfavorable season through-</p> |