

and the yield per acre being equal to that of any other section of the Northwest. For stock raising, also, the Battleford district affords ample scope. Good locations for ranches are to be found on all sides of the town, where grass and fresh water are abundant. For this purpose the Dagle Hills, lying to the south, and extending eastward along the Saskatchewan, cannot be surpassed. Already a large number of thoroughbred horses, cattle and sheep have been imported, and each year will add to their numbers. Lack of railway communication with the east is a drawback to the place. But even with this difficulty to contend with the farmers of the district are better off than those who live in the south, where the price of produce is low, timber for building, fencing and fuel is dear, and water scarce. They have everything at hand but a market for their surplus, which will be supplied in a couple of years at most.

*Stores.*—Battleford has four general stores, all of which carry heavy stocks, and one of which does a banking business; one drug store, one watchmaker and jeweller, and one butcher shop.

*Industries.*—One saw and gristmill, three blacksmith shops, one tin-smith shop, one bakery, two breweries, one brickyard, one cabinet shop, one paint shop, and one millinery.

*Schools.*—There are two public schools, one Roman Catholic and one Protestant, both under charge of qualified teachers and well attended. An Industrial School was established in the old Government buildings, last year, for the education of Indian children from the reserves, which is doing good work under the direction of Rev. Thomas Clarke.

*Churches.*—There are three churches—English, Roman Catholic and Presbyterian—all of which are substantial buildings, and are in charge of resident missionaries.

*Newspapers.*—The *Saskatchewan Herald*, edited and published by P. G. Laurie.

*Hotels.*—There are three hotels, the Pioneer, Arcand and Albion, and three saloons.

*Societies.*—Masonic Lodge, Agricultural Society, Rifle Association, Ladies' Missionary Association, and Temperance Society.

*Public Offices.*—Besides being the headquarters of the Mounted Police of the western portion of Saskatchewan, and being the source of supply for a large Indian population, Battleford has a resident Indian agent, assistant agent, and clerk; Dominion Lands agent, Crown Timber agent, Registrar, Inspector of Public Works, Deputy Clerk of the Supreme Court, and Deputy-Sheriff. It is also the headquarters of the Government telegraph system of the Northwest, and the residence of the District Superintendent, agent, sub-agent, and repairers.