

try until August, then located within five miles of Wetaskiwin. I like the country well. Of course, I came here without anything; now I have a comfortable home and plenty to eat, which I would not have had if I had stayed in Michigan. If anyone wants a free home for \$10, and would like to raise cattle and horses, I know of no better country. Horses need no care summer or winter. Abundance of hay for the cutting.

(Signed)

Levi Bradshaw.

Sweaborg, Wetaskiwin, Sept. 14th, 1898.

W. Toole, Esq., Calgary, N.W.T.

Dear Sir,—According to your request, I will hereby give my experience of the circumstances up here.

It was through the immigration agent, Mr. C. O. Swanson, of Waterville, Que., that I first obtained knowledge of this country, and I followed one of his excursions here four years ago last spring. I have thrived well the whole time since. I have now harvested five crops, and have had good crops every year. I can therefore recommend the country for crops as well as climate.

I worked in a shop in the United States thirteen years, and thought during the last years to go out in the country on account of my health. I could surely not have struck anywhere a better climate and general circumstances than I have found here. Therefore, will I specially say a word to those who are working in shops and feel tired therewith, but would like to get a home of their own, that here is the right place for them. I know several people who came here with very little to start with, but have made good progress, and everyone seems to thrive well; but it is naturally more or less a sacrifice to come from the cities to a new settlement.

I have received dozens of letters from different States with questions about whether the saying that frost destroys everything here is true or not. It is altogether untrue; frosts here do not hurt the grain except in very low places. Old farmers, who have come here from the United States, say that they have never seen such crops before as they saw here, which can be proved this year nearly all over Alberta.

For those who look for land whereon to get a home of their own, there is room for several thousands both on homesteads and on railroad land. The railroad land is cheap, \$3 per acre and ten years' time; so it is a chance for one as well as the other. Bad reputations have come out about Canada, but it is entirely untrue with reference to Alberta. I know very little about the other provinces.