

AN OFF-SHOOT OF THE RANCHING INDUSTRY.

THE Northwest Trading Company recently organized have their headquarters at Calgary. They carry on an extensive business in dressed meats and have large contracts on the Pacific Coast. They have erected a large cool store at this point. The company intend establishing a packing house and engage in other manufacturing industries.

AN ALBERTA FARM.

THE Canadian Agricultural Company, whose farms, ten in number, comprise over 100,000 acres of land, have two of these farms situated in Alberta. One of these at Namaka, 40 miles east of Calgary, is probably one of the best equipped mixed farms in the Northwest Territories. During the past season over 35,000 bushels of grain was threshed from this farm alone, comprising wheat, barley, oats and flax. For the past two seasons excellent crops of splendid wheat have been raised on this farm, the last year's crop threshing nearly 40 bushels to the acre. Some of the oats threshed over 60 bushels to the acre. The company have about seventy excellent heavy draft brood mares at Namaka and two pedigree Clydesdale stallions, a herd numbering over 300 head of grade Hereford cattle is located here, and a large number of swine are also kept. The house, stables, barns and other buildings are commodious and convenient. The company find sheep farming highly profitable.

CLIMATE.

ALBERTA possesses a climate both healthful and invigorating. The spring commences usually in March, the rainy season extends from May to the end of June. The fall weather in Alberta is delightful—weeks of bright, crisp, bracing weather. The average winter weather is between 40 and 60 days in length. During the past ten years we have experienced three severe winters, viz: 82-83, 86-87, 89-90, and in the month of April, 1890, after one of the longest winters fat steers were being shipped from Calgary to Vancouver—animals never under artificial shelter, who rustled for their own living in the foot hills south of Calgary. During several years seeding was commenced in February or in the early days of March. This year up to date, January 25th, we have had no severe weather, building operations are in full swing, men go around without gloves or overcoats. The days are bright and sunny, just enough snow on the ground to make the grass good feeding. No sleighing yet and not much expected, for in a month from now we look for the opening of spring. Reports from the ranchers say that cattle and horses never looked better; "rolling fat" is the answer given by stockmen and farmers when asked of the condition of their stock. Yet this winter is no milder than seven out of the past ten. The Alberta climate is not only a healthy climate but it is an enjoyable salubrious one. To over-worked business men we would say, shake off the dust of the East,—come and spend a holiday in Alberta and get built up. Nothing will do so more quickly than Rocky Mountain air and scenery.

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