A Pioneer's Farm in the Boundary District of B. C.

wing the recently published general notice of the farming district lying west of Midway, B. C., from Rock Creek to Sidley, on Anarchist Mountain, some particulars will now

Mountain, some particulars will now be given of the largest single holding in that district, that of Mr. R. J. Sta-ley, J. P., after whom the Bidley p-xt office was named. The best of the single point of the point of residence, of the ranchers of Anarchist Mountain. He settled there in 1884, after having put in a couple of years placering on Rock Creek and other places where "pay dirt" was either known or believed to occur. In erce in this neighborhood he was

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Forks were called, was a favorite pasturage for cattle, especially for those
casional band for the northwest. After leaving Ireland, Mr. Sidiey had
had farming experience in Ontario, so
that when he decided to become a
he was by no means a tenderfoot in
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mining towns and camps of the Boundary increase in population and provide a market for these and other products. Be 2,000 acres of purchased land just mentioned, and which are situate immediately north of the international boundary line, Mr. Sidley has under a three years' lease, with the district, several Indian allotments just across the line, which divides his purchased land from these 'cased lots, grown and bearing sown on the sod have grown and yielded so well that its fertility was evident to all who saw the crops portion of this land, the total area Mr. Sidley had under cultivation this year was about 400 acres, of which 130 acres were in grain, 12 acres in roots, essaon's cropping. These fields are all fenced, as, too, is all the rest of the ranch, upon which there are in all about 10 miles of rail fencing.

could signd up from the in parts up to six feet in with well formed heads even ground, as height, with well formed neads neight, with well formed neads where the straw was longest, and these heavy with grain. So well did this field look that an estimate of an average of 50 bushels to the acre aperease of 50 bushels to the acre aperease. It is also that the sea at the sea of the sea of the sea at the sea of local experience to be about the best out for these parts. Most farmers hereabouts grow a mixed out, though Bald and Beardless barley do well some 40 acres (cut and in the barn) promising a prolific yield. About 17 acres sown late ou the sod and intended for hay, came on so well that it was left for grain, and looked as it stood as if it would thresh a fair crop. Fail wheat and ye had already been middle of September, and the latter had returned about 30 bushels per acre of plump, heavy grain. Wheat, acre of plump, heavy grain. Wheat, conjy about 25 bushels to the acre, the climate not being so well suited for this crop. Oats when not sold are fed feed or given to hogs and chickens. The 12 acres here cropped with roots include carrots, potatoses, paranips.

The 12 acres here cropped with roots include carrots, potatoes, parsnips, turnips and mangolds. Red carrots yield about 12 tons to the acre, white carrots up to 20 tons, and parsnips and carrots up to 20 tons, and parsnips and turnips also come near the latter yield. Frosty nights affect the man-golds, which, like tender garden vege-tables, do not thrive so well as other roots. Potatoes run from five to six roots. Foldaces run from from the to six tons per acre, but though satisfactory in size, the quality is not first class, consequently the hogs consume most raised here. Cabbages and onions consequently the nogs consume most raised here. Cabbages and onions were seen doing well in the garden where, too, some small fruits flourish. A few large fruit trees are being ex-perimented with, and with fair prospect of success.

of success. ere are on the farm somewhere t 100 horses, chiefly breeding es, colts, and saddle horses. Genbreeding mares, colts, and saddle horses. Gen-erally 14 horses are kept steadily em-ployed. In the stables was seen Foung G. M. Patchem, Jr., a bright bay entire horse with black points, standing 16 hands high and weighing 1,286 lbs. This horse has in him the lbs. This horse has in him the of the celebrated trotting stalof his day. The cattle number about 60, including a nice well-bred Jersey bull, some good beef stock and dairy cows, there being 10 of the latter in own, there being to of the latter in milk to supply home needs in the way of milk and butter. Mr. Sidley raises for sale each year about 200 hogs breeding these from 20 to 40 sows. He breeding these from 20 to 40 sows. He-has in one of the pens a pure-breed Berkshire boar obtained from Ontario through Live Stock Commissioner F. W. Hodson. The wisdom of this pur-chase is seen in the shapely and mar-ketable appearance of most of the pigs running in the pasture. Many of the hogs raised are sold to P. Burns & Co. for their boundary meet trade. Nearly for their boundary meat trade. Nearly 500 chickens are kept, these providing the change of meat diet and keeping the household well supplied with eggs. besides leaving a surplus for sale at Camp McKinney or Midway, where prices range between 25 and 45 cents and average about 35 cents a dozen the year through.

Not only is there plenty of barn, stable and shed accommodation on the farm for crops and live stock, but all the farm machinery and implements are also kept under roof. The gener-ally good state of repair of tools and machines is in part accounted for by the fact that there is also here a fully equipped blacksmith's and carpenter's shop, so that repairs can be effected on the spot and much new work is done besides that would otherwise involve besides that would otherwise involve cost in time and money that would be a heavy charge in the course of a year. Among the machines and im-plements are two binders, two mowers, half a dozen plows, harrows, scar-ifiers, seed drills, potato disgers and numbers of other labor saving-appli

numbers of other labor saving-appli ances. A steam thresher, latest im-proved with 32 inch cylinder, had and was expected to arrive any day. Whilst there is comfort in the house accommodation at the Sidney ranch no attempt has been made at machines are all well housed with due regard to the winter's climate, but no money has been spent simply for appearances. Between his farm of the preserved of the property of the preserved of the property of the preserved of ster and custor

officer, Mr. Sidley is a busy man. Yet he finds time to be hospitable notwith-standing the rather heavy demands made upon his generosity in this

Advance in C. P. R. Lands.

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"The lands of the Canadian Pacific Railway company in Northern Al-Railway company in Northern Al-berta and Saskatchewan, as far west as the fifth meridian, have been in-creased in price from fifty cents to one dollar and fifty cents per acre. These lands have hitherto been selling generally at from \$3.50 to \$4.00 per acre. The increase is from \$4 to \$5 per acre tract may be generally described as all that portion of the territories mentioned which tion of the territories mentioned which lie north of the North Saskatchewan and Battle rivers, as far west as the point of junction of the Battle river with the line between townships 46 and 47; thence westerly, following the northerly limit of township 46 as far west as the westerly boundary of range 19 west of the fourth meridian.

range 19 west of the fourth meridian; thence northerly along the said west-erly limit of range 19, to the north-erly limit of the company's grant." The said of the company's grant. The fin, "has been for combined Mr. Giber than been for combined the said of the vest all the choicest lands in the ter-ritory falling into the hands of specu-lators, who have been buying in ad-vance of settlement for the purpose of reselling at largely increased figures."

Canada As a Maritime Nation.

According to the annual shipping re According to the annual snipping re-port of the marine department of Canada, the Dominion stands eighth in point of ownership of vessel tonnage among the nations of the earth, lead-ing Spain, Sweden, Holland, Denmark, ing spain, Sweden, Holland, Denmark, Greece, Japan, Turkey and other coun-tries. Britain heads the list with United States second, then Germany, Norway, France, Italy, Russia and Canada. Following are the compara-

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The report shows that the total num-The report shows that the total number of vessels remaining on the register books of the Dominion on December 31, 1901, including old and new vessels, salling vessels, steamers and burges, was 6,792, measuring 664,485 tons register tonninge, being a gain of fifty-serve vessels and an increase of 4.99 tons register as compared with 1990. The number of steamers on the registry books on the same date was 2.17, with a gross tonnage of 297,421 tons. Assuming the average value to be \$30 per ton, the value of the registral would be \$19,534,4590. The number of new vessels built and registered in the Dominion of Canada during the last year was 335, measuring 34,481 tons registered tonnage. Estimating the value of the new tonnage at \$45,551,646 for new vessels. 4.949 tons register as compared with

Moving Threshers.

The railway companies have agreed to carry threshing machines at one-half rate when same is returned to the original shipping point, and the men accompanying the outift will be carried at the rate of one cent per mile in each direction. This is to facilitate the movement of threshing outfits where threshing is completed, to other districts where much work remains to be do.e. The Winnipeg board of trade is collecting information for the guidance of threshers who wish to move their plants. All com-munications on this subject should be addressed to the secretary board of trade, Winnipeg.

No. 1 country hides declined to 9c per pound at Chicago late last week. The markets generally are weaker.

The markets generally are weaker. Heavy rains extinguished the bush fires which were raging so furlously in the United States a few weeks ago. Millions of dollars worth of property was destroyed by these fires in addition to the standing timber. The burned regions were denuded of wild life, and worst of all, a number of settlers were burned to glocal.

The value of assessed property in Toronto, as fixed by the assessment department, is \$139,586,477, an increase of \$5,620,930. The population of the city is put at 211,735, without counting transient residents, hotel or the city is put at 211.73, pointson counting transient resident though counting transient resident though oppulation, students and servants, an increase of 5,848, or 2.55 per cent. The value of land makes up 860,374, and improvements, 880,6828; personal property, 810,390,748; taxable income, 85,464,775. The amount of exemptions is \$24,243,198, an increase of \$255,548.

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