

I now have 110 acres broken, 30 of fallow and 16 of new breaking.

School and teaching in a vacant house two miles distant, and P.O. $\frac{3}{4}$ of a mile.

The climate though very cold in winter is pure and healthy. All kinds of stock do well in summer, but need to be housed in winter, as there is very little shelter (as regards trees or bluffs) in this district. One of our greatest draw-backs is the sparse settlement and difficulty in procuring labor in busy times; harvest hands are scarce at \$1.50 per day at present. I do not claim that a man can get rich farming here by sitting in the shade with his hands in his pockets, but do not see any reason why a person with a stern purpose that is willing to labor and wait should not get along here. As for pioneering it is pretty well done now, and never was a hundred per cent. of what it was in the early days of Ontario.

Regina is a smart town on sure footing, with the busy C.P.R. running through and a branch line started north.

Yours respectfully,

CHAS. MARTIN.

A RECOMMENDATION FROM MR. WALTER SIMPSON.

REGINA, Sept. 19th, '88.

DEAR SIR,—In reply to your favor, I beg to state I have lived in the country four and a half years, and the last two I have been farming in the Regina district. My object in settling here is to establish a large family, and I have no doubt will be successful, as the result of my two years labor has been most satisfactory to me. My farm is a heavy loam with clay sub-soil. I have ninety acres broken up, some of which was done in the fall of '86 with seven oxen on a gang plow, and I would just here say in my opinion a gang plow and at least four oxen is more economical than single plows and hired help. I consider the Regina district a successful grain growing district, and the man who cannot succeed here is of little use in any country. As far as my knowledge goes I have not seen a bad sample of grain in this district. I have not threshed this year yet, but from appearance of my crop I think my wheat will go 25 bushels and oats 50 bushels to the acre. I have no hesitation recommending good energetic practical men to come to the country.

Yours truly,

WALTER SIMPSON.