

When to Commence.

To the man of means, any portion of the year is a favourable time for coming to Manitoba; but to the poor man, who expects his support from the soil, the value of time is an important consideration. As a rule, the fall is the worst time he could come, while early spring is the best. If the immigrant reaches his land by the middle of June, he is too late to produce most crops the same season; but he is yet in time for barley, potatoes and turnips. Potatoes may be dropped into the furrow and covered by the plough with the tough sod, and will grow through it; while turnip seed may be sown on the freshly turned sod, and very slightly covered. June is the best month for breaking wild land, especially prairie, while the breaking season should not begin earlier than the middle of May, nor be prolonged beyond the first of August. A particular stage of vegetation of the overturned sod is necessary for its rapid decay, and frequently more harm than good is done to land, which is first unseasonably ploughed.

The present state of the country imperatively demands that the immigrant should bring with him a good supply of provisions, and the cattle he may require, according to his means. Provisions of all kinds are enormously high, and difficult to be had. Flour \$3 75c. to \$4 25c. per 100 lbs. Pork, 30cts. per lb. Fresh Beef, 18cts. to 20cts. per lb. Butter, 37½cts. per lb. Eggs, 30cts. per doz. These prices will afford sufficient evidence of the scarcity.