

1892-3 was the most severe in my experience, but where ordinary foresight had been exercised in providing sufficient food and shelter, cattle did not suffer, while many horses ran out all the time without detriment. The present winter has been highly favorable so far. Yesterday, December 17th, with a steady west wind the thermometer rose to 55 in the shade and the snow went off rapidly. It is the custom to let young and spare horses run at large all winter, and so far as native bred animals are concerned they are all right, but imported horses of higher class should be stabled. Some farmers bring their steers and young cattle through the winter without stabling, but my own practice is to put them all, old and young, under cover during the coldest weather. In a locality where comfortable stabling can be run up so cheaply as here there is no occasion to take risks.

I have found the climate very healthy. The summer is not too warm and although the normal winter is decidedly keen, it is dry and bracing, and for people who are sufficiently clothed, fed and housed, the cold weather is not only endurable but enjoyable, while the spring and fall seasons are particularly pleasant.

WM. CRAIG.

U. S. FARMERS' TESTIMONY.

PRINCE ALBERT, September 1st, 1894.

I visited Prince Albert this week in the interest of our farmers in northern Michigan, and though only able to spend one day there. I covered considerable ground and saw and talked with no less than eight or ten farmers, and all were greatly pleased with the Saskatchewan country. I failed to find one man who had any complaint to make. It is certainly a beautiful and productive country and I am only too glad to recommend it.

Before closing I must mention my visit to one Mr. Thompson, living about four miles from Prince Albert. Mr. Thompson is formerly from Ontario, and said he got his crops in earlier every spring than in Ontario, and that he liked the winters here very much better than there. The farmers are all comfortable here. Mr. Thompson had a piano and upholstered furniture, and his three handsome daughters said nothing could induce them to return to Ontario.

H. H. EATON.

Boyne Falls, Mich.

Delegates from the State of Vermont visited Western Canada with the view of reporting upon the country for their friends in the Eastern States. The following are extracts from the several reports:

"I will only say that I saw the best wheat, oats, barley, potatoes, cattle and land that I have ever seen. I think it is the place for a poor man."—*S. C. Pollard, Essex, Vt.*

"The best wheat, oats, potatoes and barley I have seen are at Prince Albert and Stony Creek."—*Ezra Rinney, Jericho, Vt.*

"It is the best place for a poor man to make a home for his children."—*W. A. Pollard, Wesford, Vt.*

"I can most heartily recommend it to anyone who wants a cheap home with a good living and money laid up for the future."—*Arthur Ellis.*

"The soil is wonderfully rich, producing a variety of luxuriant grasses that make the finest hay in the world. There is no place in America where a