

except by those who have visited the scene of operations and informed themselves as to its capabilities :

	Acres under corn.	Horses on the farm.	Estimate of corn produced. Bushels.
August.			
1883	3,000	103	90,000
1884	9,000	200	180,000
1885	18,000	300	360,000
1886	25,000	350	500,000

These figures are undoubtedly astounding, but they are entitled to the highest respect. To watch 21 of Deerings' self-binding reapers, each drawn by three horses, and working away at a 700 acre field of wheat, is a sight which will

NOT BE SOON FORGOTTEN

by those who witnessed it this harvest, but it certainly prepares the mind for dealing with large results. Nor was it less surprising to learn how very simple the preparation of the land had been for producing such a crop. The 3,000 acres of turf had been simply ploughed over about three inches deep, in the previous summer, and it had remained untouched until the spring, when the ground was seeded by 20 broad-cast sowing machines, each drawn by one horse, followed 46 sets of spring-tooth harrows, each drawn by two horses. The costs of cultivation were therefore excessively moderate. The quality of the wheat, however, is remarkably good, for it is ranked in the highest grade for the production of the much prized Minneapolis flour. The soil of this farm is a rich, deep, black loam, resting on a clay sub-soil. It is not Major Bell's intention to grow wheat continuously, but he proposes to give the land a summer fallow every third year, and thus, whilst the land will be kept clean, it will probably produce as much wheat as if it had been under corn year after year. Under this system he is able to increase the size of each farm from the usual quantity of 160 acres (one fourth of a square mile) to 213 acres.

Well may Canada be proud of having the largest farm in the world, but she may be much more gratified to know that this farm is also remarkable for producing an enormous yield of wheat, at the smallest known cost, and of the highest quality; at the same time as a colonization scheme it will be very largely profitable to her capitalists, and will settle 300 farms under conditions which will secure their future success. The Qu'Appelle