

THE CLIMATE.

Nature has been lavish in her gifts to the Temperance Colony. Not only is the soil of unexampled fertility, but the climate is delightful and healthy. Such is the testimony of every settler; and this testimony, of which representative specimens are given elsewhere, is confirmed by enthusiastic opinions from every traveller, explorer, missionary, or newspaper correspondent who has ever visited the far-famed Saskatchewan Valley. In former years vast herds of buffalo came here to winter from very far south of the United States boundary line, proving thereby the adaptation of these high rolling prairies to the purpose of raising stock. The land is dry, with sufficient, but not excessive rainfall, capable of early cultivation in the spring, and free from summer frosts. The configuration of the country renders artificial drainage unnecessary, and prevents the accumulation of stagnant pools; mists and fogs are seldom seen. The days of summer are full of sunshine, under the genial influence of which crops rapidly ripen. Autumn is characterized by an almost unbroken succession of fine weather, during which the crops are safely garnered. In winter it is cold, but extremely exhilarating and pleasant, owing to the wonderful dryness and bracing qualities of the air. It must also be remembered that the snow and frost play a very important and beneficial part in preparing the land for reception of the seed in the following spring. The Canadian winter is a source of profit as well as enjoyment to the people, besides being far healthier than the humid uncertainty of our insular climate.