

Denver, via St. Paul and North Portal, Sask.

Carload lots of 24,000 lbs. \$189.60
Less than carload lots 2.52 per cwt.

New York, via Buffalo.

Carload lots of 24,000 lbs. \$264.00
Less than carload lots 1.72 per cwt.

Buffalo.

Carload lots of 24,000 lbs. \$156.00
Less than carload lots 1.24 per cwt.

Quebec.

Carload lots of 24,000 lbs. \$148.80
Less than carload lots 1.24 per cwt.

Montreal and Toronto.

Carload lots of 24,000 lbs. \$136.80
Less than carload lots 1.14 per cwt.

School System.

The Public School system established in the Province of Alberta is well abreast of the times. Its management is vested in one of the Ministers of the Government. The organization of school districts is optional with the settlers. Districts formed cannot exceed five miles in length or breadth, and must contain at least four actual residents and twelve children between the ages of five and sixteen.

The cost of maintaining schools is small, owing to the liberal assistance given by the Government; the public grants paid to each school are from \$250.00 to \$300.00 per year. Each teacher employed must have a certificate of a recognized standard of education, and a thorough system of inspection is inaugurated, each school being visited twice during the year. In the schools of the larger towns, the higher branches of study are taught and pupils are prepared for university matriculation and teachers' certificates.

The law also contains the following provision authorizing the organization of school districts by the Minister of Education in cases where it is considered desirable to do so without any petition from the settlers:—

"In case any portion of the Province not exceeding five miles in length and breadth exclusive of road allowances has not been erected into a school district, the Minister may order the erection of such portion into a District provided that it contains:

- (a) Twenty children between the ages of five and sixteen inclusive.
- (b) Ten persons actually residing therein who on the erection of the district would be liable to assessment.
- (c) Six thousand acres of assessable land; and notice of the erection of any such district shall be published in the official gazette, which notice shall be conclusive evidence that the district has been duly erected and constituted in accordance with the provisions of this ordinance."