



GRAIN-GROWING and stock-raising in the district surrounding Regina are the industries which constitute the backbone of the city's commercial position. The Province of Saskatchewan is famous for the opportunities which it offers in the development of these branches of agricultural activity, and it bids fair to become the greatest farming area on the American continent. The aggregate yield of all grains in the province rose from 5,200,000 bushels in 1900 to 46,647,000 bushels in 1905. Of the latter amount 26,107,000 bushels consisted of wheat, compared with 3,441,000 in 1900, and 19,213,000 of oats compared with 1,605,000. The yield of flax in 1905 was 398,000 bushels and of speltz 35,000 bushels. The average yields for the entire province were 23.09 bushels of wheat, 42.70 bushels of oats and 27.11 bushels of barley. The fertility of the Regina district is indicated by the fact that the average yields were 27.35 bushels of wheat, 53.89 bushels of oats, and 31.97 bushels of barley. This favorable showing in comparison with the general averages has been the feature of the grain production around Regina for many years, and it is accounted for by the richness of the soil. The surface consists of a black loam of uncertain depth. In the immediate vicinity of the city the crust is at least 50 feet deep, and it is as rich in one locality as in another. Crops have been raised on the same land year after year for a quarter of a century with no depreciation in the condition of the soil, and it seems there is little probability of the ground ever being exhausted.

Government figures for 1906 indicate a total yield in the Regina district of 4,132,500 bushels of wheat, an average of 27 per acre; 3,006,500 bushels of oats, an average of 53; and 55,500 bushels of barley, an average of 32. The estimated yields for the entire province are 31,230,000 bushels of wheat, an average of 23.37; 23,419,500 bushels of oats, an average of 42.94; and 1,008,900 bushels of barley, an average of 26.26. These estimates were prepared just before the harvest began and are generally regarded as accurate. The abundant yields of all classes of grain in the vicinity of Regina have done more than anything else to attract attention to the city and to bring in settlers from distant lands. The farmer makes no mistake in taking up land within a reasonable distance as he is assured of large crops and an excellent market.