

remaining colony, that of Saltecoates, north-west of Winnipeg, I did not go to, as I became satisfied, after interviewing about a dozen heads of families in the two first-named places, that visitors from the 'old country' do more harm than good to these particular settlers. It creates an impression on their minds that public opinion at home is actively agitated on their account, and that 'something more' remains yet to be done for them. In a very few instances this feeling of expectancy has produced discontent, and led to idleness. But all to whom I spoke admitted they were far better off than they ever would have been had they remained in Harris, Lewis, or the other parts of the Crofter Highlands whence they hailed.

John McLeod, from near Stornoway, I found farming a whole section of 640 acres. He had 120 acres under wheat, and was breaking seventy more for this year's sowing. Himself and three sons worked the land, with three yokes of oxen and a team of horses. The old man told me he had five head of cattle, and that he was well satisfied with the country, and expected to do very well on his farm. He contrasted its extent and his future prospects with the three-acre croft on which he had lived for over forty years in the Island of Lewis, and his only regret was that he could not bring his two daughters and a brother, who were still in Stornoway, out to his new home. He assured me that all his crofter neighbours at Pelican Lake were doing well, though they, like himself, were still in debt to the grocers in Killarney (the market town for Pelican Lake), owing to the two bad years which followed their arrival from Scotland.

Donald McDonald, of Lewis, said he was well contented, but would like to pay Lewis a visit. He owns 160 acres, fifty being under wheat, and possesses a yoke of oxen and three cows.

John McKenzie, senior, from Lewis, would like to return home. He had been more of a fisherman than a crofter, and he 'longed for the sea breeze.' He had fifty acres under wheat, and was apparently doing well.

Kenneth Macaulay, also from Lewis, was delighted with his log house, sixty-five acres of wheat (on a quarter-section of 160 acres), three acres of oats, two cows, and yoke of oxen; but his son denounced the whole of Manitoba, and all those who had helped to bring him there. His father, however, blamed 'the disturber from Saltecoates,' who had visited Pelican Lake, for the discontent which young Kenneth expressed, and assured me that it had no real meaning.

Donald McDonald, Angus McDonald, John Morrison, and Allan McLeod farm a section (640 acres) in conjunction. I saw 260 acres of this under wheat, while each had some five acres of oats in addition. They also possessed a yoke of oxen each, and from two to four cows.