

bushels barley; 1 span of horses, 1 yoke oxen, 14 cows in calf, 12 steers, 2 sheep, 6 pigs, 27 fowls, 2 waggons, 3 ploughs, 2 sets harrows, 1 mower, 1 horse rake, 1 binder, 1 set sleighs. Married, wife and five children. "Nobody, said Mr. Miller, and his utterances were confirmed by his sons," has any right to say anything about this country but what is good. I am well satisfied that we all came out here, and we would not go back again if all were paid to do so. The climate here is much better than it was where I came from in Scotland. I can go out here and work in the worst days of the year with less clothing on than would be required in Scotland to keep the cold and wet from our skins. It is my opinion that Lady Cathcart is entitled to the heartfelt thanks of us all for having helped us to our homes here in Canada, no matter what anybody says to the contrary. We are all thankful to that good lady, to the Government here, and to the North-West Land Company. There could not be a finer man than Mr. Searth." Scores of others bearing similar testimony could be quoted here from my reports if necessary.

### HUNGARIAN (ESTERHAZY) COLONY, N. W. T.

*Townships 19 and 19 A, Range 1, and Townships 18 and 19, Range 2, West of 2nd Principal Meridian.*

The homesteaders in this colony number forty-five at present. They are all doing remarkably well since a number brought in by Count D'Esterhazy have been weeded out and their places filled by a better class. The colonists here have been largely aided by Sir George Stephen when President of the Canadian Pacific Railway. It is my opinion, however, that too much money was expended in the erection of costly dwelling houses. Had less capital been put into the buildings and more into cattle at the start I am sure the results would have been better in many cases. The first cost of many of these houses ranged as high as \$250 each, while suitable log houses could have been built for one-third of that amount. The settlers, however, are getting along well. In 1888 they had a large acreage broken and cropped. Their crops all turned out well. They were not troubled—except in one case and in that but slightly—with summer frosts. Their wheat was marketed in excellent condition and realized in some cases as high a price as \$1.10 per bushel at Whitewood station—on the line of the Canadian Pacific Railway—to which the haul was about twenty miles. Mr. Brecken, a wheat buyer, informed me that the finest wheat sold in the Whitewood market came from this colony. Their stock of cattle is being rapidly augmented. Altogether this colony is remarkably prosperous. Mr. I. Vass is doing valuable work there, and his good judgment and sound advice is much relied on by the settlers in this locality. An addition to this colony of about sixty homesteaders is expected during the present year.

### THE SCANDINAVIAN COLONY, N.W.T.

*Townships 18, 19 and 19A, Ranges 2 and 3, W. of 2nd P. M.*

This colony is composed of thirty-nine homesteaders, and gives great promise of soon being an important one. The land is gently undulating, the soil is excellent, the tract is well supplied with wood for fuel and building purposes, and the water is capital and easily obtained. Considering the short period since this settlement was begun, the quantity of land broken and prepared for cropping is remarkably large. The houses—mostly log—already erected, are large, and built in a neat and workmanlike manner. The settlers themselves are of a superior stamp and evince much intelligence, industry and practical ingenuity. A large addition to their number is expected to arrive from Sweden this year. Ten men are at present in the settlement prepared to make their entries for homesteads this coming spring. No injury