

and to obtain for it a price that is nearly all profit. Neither cows nor horses, it should be noted, cost anything to feed, or more than a bush to stall or stable. The unploughed prairie yields ample pasturage in the summer, and all the hay that is needed for the winter and a good stable can be set up with an outlay of nothing but a little labor."

The same correspondent observing the crying need for more of the weaker sex writes as follows:—

"There is a remarkable number of bachelors among these Scotch farmers near Regina—not among the crofters, who nearly always bring out wives and babies, if not grown up children, but among the other settlers whom Mr. Searth has assisted. Most of these are young men who had come out to work on the Canadian Pacific Railway. When that was done they had to look out for other occupation. Two or three had had early training as farm labourers in Scotland; but most of them were new to the life. That being so, with the exception of the two defaulters I have referred to, they are doing much better than might have been expected. Bachelorhood is a serious inconvenience to mothers in this sparsely-peopled part of the world. Wives are needed, not only to darn the clothes and make the house home-like, but also to milk and tend to the cows, make butter, look after the poultry, and do much else that goes a long way to make this sort of small farming profitable."

FURTHER TESTIMONY.—Dr. Bourinot, Clerk of the House of Commons, who left Regina for his home in Ottawa last week, in interview with Winnipeg reporter said: "I have often visited the great wheat fields of this continent, of Ontario, of Illinois, of Dakota and other states of the North-West, but nowhere have I seen a more encouraging exhibit than that in the vicinity of Portage la Prairie, Moosomin, Brandon, Indian Head and Regina. Nowhere have I seen finer wheat and other crops than those of the Regina farmers. The crops of barley, oats and vegetables that I have seen in different localities prove to me conclusively that the exhibits at the fairs of Ontario and elsewhere were only fair representations of the capabilities of the North-West. In the neighborhood of Regina there is a large garden (the Wascana) where the celery, cauliflowers, Scotch kale, and vegetables of all kinds were equal, and superior in some cases to the best specimens of old gardens in the richest part of Ontario."