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for each animal; 50 feet of one-inch rope; a spade; strong cord; nails and screws. N.B.—A coal-oil stove* will be found very useful in a prairie region absolutely destitute of wood. It should, however, be enclosed in a small box that will preserve it from injury while travelling, and protect it from the wind when in use.

Groceries and Provisions.—Flour, tea or coffee, sugar, pepper, salt, mustard, molasses, dried apples, bacon, potatoes or beans, biscuits, coal-oil, matches, soap, candles, and baking powder.

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Personal Requisites.—Each member of the party should supply himself with a copy of the "THE LAND PROSPECTOR'S MANUAL AND FIELD-BOOK;" also a knife, fork, and spoon, a tin plate, and a pint drinking-cup; a change of shirt, drawers, and socks; mosquito bars; a waterproof coat, poncho, or sheet; long boots;† a black lead (or indelible) pencil, and a blue-and-red pencil. Early in spring, or late in the fall, a buffalo robe will be found very desirable.

One or two guns among the party would provide, during the proper seasons, variety for the bill of fare.

ESSENTIAL INFORMATION.

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* A stove of this kind will be found invaluable by a settler's wife during the preliminary stages of establishing a home on the prairie, as, owing to its non-radiation of heat, it can be used inside of a shanty having no partitions, without causing discomfort, where any other kind of stove would be found intolerable.

† These will be found very comfortable for wear in the early morning, when the long grass is heavy with dew. They may be discarded later in the day.

explore in search of farms to suit their requirements, they should ascertain in which Land District the locality is situate, and proceed to the office of the "Local Agent" in charge, who is the official representative of the Dominion Lands Branch of the Department of the Interior.

Here they will be furnished, free of cost, with all the information the books contain calculated to assist the would-be settler or purchaser in making his selection with the least possible difficulty and loss of time.* The following suggestions are offered as indicating the general information that should be obtained of a Local Agent.

1. As to the most promising localities the District contains, having regard to the primary requisites, viz., rich land, sufficiency of timber, and good water.

2. Should all of these desiderata not be attainable in any locality that appears attractive, it would be important to ascertain what prospect there would be of making up any particular deficiency. For instance, whether wood-lots would be obtainable if the country it is purposed to locate in should be open prairie, or what results would be likely to attend the sinking of wells, if there be no permanent fresh water lakes, ponds, or streams in the locality.

* One or more "land guides" are attached to each Dominion Lands Office to assist intending settlers to find the localities they wish to inspect; but their services are chiefly required for conducting large parties of immigrants arriving from Europe. With the assistance of this MANUAL, small parties, composed of men of ordinary intelligence and perseverance, can carry out their purpose more satisfactorily "on their own hook."