

they made \$500.00 contract work with their teams for neighboring farmers. Success encouraged them to run a bigger crop, and the following year they had 160 acres—100 acres in wheat and 60 acres in oats. This year, again, success crowned their efforts, and we saw in the papers in the fall that "Messrs. Blasjon & Johnston shipped the first three carloads of No. 1 hard Manitoba wheat into Winnipeg, from the west," and at the fall show they took first prize for brood mare and colt, in the saddle, and driving class. They are raising horses, both Clydesdales and blood stock. Then they bought another 160 acres, and have broken up one hundred acres. They now have over three hundred acres under cultivation, and one hundred fenced in for pasture, with Gophe Creek running through it. The whole of the work on this farm has been done by these two young fellows themselves, without any hired help at all, except at harvest time.

These are the sort of men wanted in a new country; men with a little capital, who know how and are willing to work and increase it. They started with a capital of \$3,000 each, and made \$1,900.00 their first crop, and \$2,000.00 the second. Next year they will run 200 acres in wheat, 50 oats, and 40 timothy grass for hay. At a fair valuation of their land, buildings, horses and farm implements, as they stand to-day, they are worth \$11,000.00—a very fine increase on their capital outlay, \$6,000.00, three years ago.

They are thorough believers in working out for a while before starting, and would strongly advise any intending purchasers to gain some practical experience before investing their capital. They say that if a young man is ever going to succeed in any colony, he must work and learn to do things for himself, and not pay a premium, as a pupil, to sit and watch other men do them.

ASSINIBOIA.

The District of Assiniboia lies between the Province of Manitoba and the District of Alberta, and extends north from the International boundary to the 52nd parallel of latitude, and contains an area of thirty-four million acres. Travelling westward on the line of the Canadian Pacific Railway, the District is entered at a point 212 miles west of Winnipeg. It is divided into two great areas—Eastern and Western Assiniboia—each of which has its own peculiar characteristics, the former being essentially a wheat growing and mixed farming country, and the latter especially adapted for ranching. In both, minerals are found, and on the bars of the Saskatchewan river gold mining is profitably carried on.

EASTERN ASSINIBOIA.

There is nothing to mark any difference between Manitoba and Eastern Assiniboia, which is known as the Park country of the Canadian Northwest. The general aspect of the country is rolling prairie, dotted over with clumps of trees usually found bordering lakes, streams and meadows; in the hollows grow the heavy luxuriant grasses where the farmer obtains his supply of winter hay. The principal grains grown are wheat and oats. The ordinary yield of wheat is from 20 to 30 bushels to the acre. All kinds of roots, too, are a sure crop. The soil is so rich that no fertilizers are necessary, so that in this direction a large amount of time and money is saved. Nowhere can farming