

APPENDIX A.

EXTRACT from the REPORT of the AGENT of the BOARD on the KILLARNEY SETTLEMENT.

" *Crops*.—Are very good, wheat short in straw; heads are large and well filled. Oats a good average crop. Potatoes a good crop.

" *Hay*.—Is always scarce in this part of Manitoba as compared with other localities. The Crofters will have ample for their stock with the wheat and oat straw they have.

" *Harvesting*.—Has to a certain extent been retarded by the frequent rain showers, which have done some damage to grain and hay not stacked.

" *Stock*.—All stock is looking well, and generally comprises, in each family, oxen, cows, steers, heifers, pigs, sheep, and chickens.

" *Stables*.—Of logs or turf are to be seen built, or in the course of erection; most of the log stables are well put up.

" *Granaries*.—Some are complete, others are being built of logs with board flooring.

" *Houses*.—In many cases have been improved by the addition of log or lumber porches.

" *Schools*.—I had the pleasure of meeting two school teachers, and was gratified to note the progress made by the Crofter children.

" *Churches*.—Services are held in the school house. Mr. K. A. Gollan, Presbyterian missionary, preaches in Gaelic every Sunday and Wednesday.

" *Farm Implements*.—Many of the Crofters have purchased expensive machinery, such as seeders, mowers, rakes, harrows, ploughs, and binders. I remonstrated with them strongly for incurring such weighty obligations, and pointed out that a binder should cut at least four Crofters' grain, and that a mower, rake seeder, and harrow, should serve the same number of crofter families.

"The advantage of locating Crofters amongst practical farmers has fully demonstrated itself in the case of these Crofters. Their work in ploughing the area they have under cultivation shows that the example set them by earlier settlers has not been in vain. Their present sound financial position also indicates that the Crofters have taken advantage of the work offered them by their more advanced neighbours. While in Killarney I heard of farmers who offered \$30 to \$40 a month and board for a good farm hand. It is generally understood that young Crofters are good workers and they are therefore in great demand."

APPENDIX B.

EXTRACT from the REPORT of the AGENT of the BOARD on the SALTCOATS SETTLEMENT.

" *Crops*.—I cannot speak too highly of the wheat and oat crops. I measured some wheat which stood 5 feet 8 inches high; oats 5 feet 6 inches. Heads very large and full. Potatoes, where properly attended to, are very good. On only two farms have gophers done any damage. (No. 36 and 32.)

"Owing to Crofters not having their crops fenced cattle have done some damage. In many instances seed was sown too thick, and again when ripe allowed to stand too long. This was owing in some cases to heads of families being away working, and to others waiting for the binder they had engaged to cut the grain.

"Those crops cut with the sickle are very good. Potato crops would have yielded more if hoed up oftener; in many cases they were sown too thickly. I took particular pains to show crofters how they should plant their potatoes and sow their grain, but it is very difficult to get them to relinquish their mode of farming.

" *Improvements*.—The small amount of acreage under cultivation, and breaking ready for 1891, is accounted for by heads of families and young men going away to work. Those who did not leave their farms have made more improvements on them. They have earned money by breaking land for new settlers and by the sale of wood. Crofters were also anxious to see a crop harvested before breaking more land; their impressions of last year were not encouraging to them, and I had great difficulty to get the amount we have ready for 1891. This year's crop has made hopeful North-West farmers of them all.

" *Hay*.—No scarcity, every Crofter has a supply in addition to his supply of straw.

" *Harvesting*.—Some damage has been done by rain to grain crops and hay not stacked in time.

" *Stock*.—Is in good condition.

" *Stables*.—In many instances Crofters have enlarged last year's stables, or built new ones of sod and poles.

" *Houses*.—I have not made any remarks about houses (other than additions to those furnished), as the Board has this information already. All houses will be warm and comfortable for the winter.

" *Schools*.—School is open in the 'Eden' district, and is held in No. 80, Torlach McSween's house, until school house is built, which will be as soon as snow falls, when logs can be drawn to school site.