

horses and men may be hired at either place for the round trip. In 1903 the Roman Catholic Mission put a small steamer on the Peace river which carried passengers and freight up to St. John and down to Vermilion, the charges being very reasonable, but its trips are made at uncertain dates and no definite arrangements for transport on this boat could be made until the Peace river is reached. The round trip from Edmonton to Grande prairie can be made in a month or five weeks if reasonably good connections are made.

* Since this report was paged a letter has been received from Mr. Charles Bremner, who is referred to on page 14 as being the settler whose grain was most likely to ripen when I left Spirit river, August 27th. Mr. Bremner writes as follows:

According to promise I write you with regard to the condition of the crops here at time of harvest.

'The rainy weather which we were having when you left continued through September and October, giving the grain no opportunity to ripen. It was all frozen and useless for anything but green feed, with the exception of some of the barley, which, though frozen, will do for seed.

'Potatoes and other vegetables were all right, though they were all harvested between rains, so that there was some difficulty in drying them out. We hope for better luck next year.'