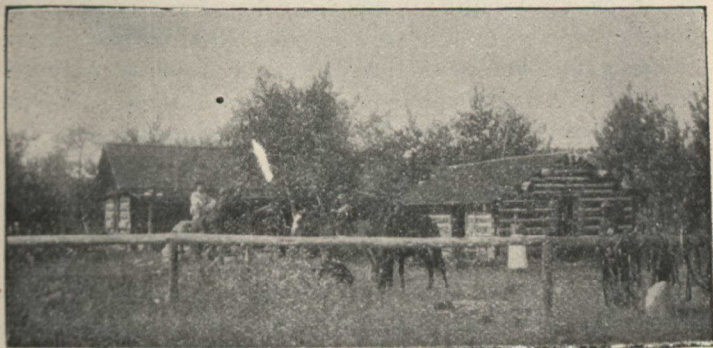


in other parts of the Territories where the C. P. R. own large tracts of land they are advancing in price at the same rate.

In the last two years there has been a great rush of people into Southern Alberta, principally from the Northern States; and these are a very desirable class of settlers as



RANCHE BUILDINGS IN THE FOOT HILLS ON MR. HEARTZ'S WINTER RANCHE.

they are mostly well-to-do farmers. But under the repeated inroads of this class of people it looks as if the ranch business is going to suffer, as they are coming into Canada in such numbers that the range between Calgary and McLeod, the foot-hills of the Rocky Mountains, and the Bow River, is likely to disappear. The ranching element are buoyed up in the hope that these farmers will not be able to raise wheat owing to the early frost, but the next year or two will decide the question. Before going any further I will explain what a great hurt this farming—if it succeeds—will cause the small ranchers. A great number of the ranchers who own "bunches" of cattle have only a very small piece of land, probably no more than the 160 acres they homesteaded, and they let their cattle wander all over the range at will. Then they have a spring "round up," when they brand their calves, and a fall "round up," when