

yielded, when harvested, fairly well. By this time (the fall of '84) my farm was producing enough to keep myself and family and feed for my team, while a load of wood at least once a week, netting from \$3.00 to \$5.00 per load, helped to reduce the debts against team, plows, etc. In '85 I had about 50 acres of crop, which yielded considerably more per acre than the former year. The oats were particularly good. The wheat was a first class sample, but did not turn more than 18 bushels to the acre. In '86 I had about 70 acres under crop. The season opened well, and until the end of June the crop looked well, indeed the most promising since I came to the country, but the dry weather of July and two days of hot winds shrunk the plant, almost destroying the crop; still I had about 400 bushels of wheat. This was my first and only failure in this country. In '87 I had about 85 acres under crop, all kinds of grain yielding remarkably well, the best of any year up to this time. This year, '88, I had 105 acres under crop (80 acres wheat, 20 oats and 5 barley, potatoes and rye). The wheat on new land yielded 35 bushels to the acre, and took four lbs. of binding twine per acre. The oats were the finest I ever saw, standing nearly five feet high all over the field, and yielded 80 bushels to the acre,—this was 14 acres on old land, part of which was cropped three years and part five years in succession. I had six acres of oats harrowed in on stubble *without ploughing*. This is a style of farming I do not approve of, but the Spring was very late and I thought I would try it and grow green fodder if nothing else, but to my surprise it came on as thick and looked as well as any of the crop in the district; this field is not yet threshed, but I feel confident the six acres will yield 500 bushels. Mr. Ira Morgan, President of the Ontario Agricultural and Arts Association, who saw this field while standing, and Mr. McDonald, editor Mark Lane Express, who saw it in the sheaf, can testify to the correctness of this statement. My wheat this year grades No. 1 hard, and I have already sold 600 bushels to Regina dealers from \$1.06 to \$1.11 per bushel.

At the present time I have seven horses, and a small start in thoroughbred cattle, seven hogs ready for pork by Christmas, a binder, sulky plow, two hand plows, two wagons, sleighs, harness, a small house, comfortable stable, good well of water, and everything else necessary, all of which are paid for or at least provided for, and will have at least a thousand dollars additional to further improve the farm, enlarge the house and stables, and provide comforts which pioneer days did not afford.