

greater yield per acre than in old Canada or the Western States, cannot fail to be very great.

The question as to how many months in the year may be depended on for navigation by the Hudson's Bay Route, can only be settled by practical experiments, which will doubtless be commenced during the coming season.

Of the favourable conditions of climate and the abundance of good pasturage for stock-raising in a limited area in the North-West, there is a uniform and universal testimony.

I have made an application for 100,000 acres of grazing lands, which I intend occupying as soon as practicable. Subjoined is a copy of an official letter from the Department of the Interior :—

Copy of a LETTER from the Minister of the Interior.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR, CANADA,
OTTAWA, 5th September 1881.

To JOHN R. CRAIG, Esq.,
Brampton, Ontario, Canada.

SIR,—I have the honour, by direction of the Acting Minister of the Interior, to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 3d instant, applying on behalf of a company for a tract of land, amounting to 100,000 acres, in the North-Western Territories, to be used for the purpose of grazing horses, cattle and sheep, stating that the capital of the company will be 500,000 dollars, £100,000, to be principally obtained from Great Britain, and setting forth generally the aims and objects of the Association.

In reply, I am to state that the Acting Minister is gratified to learn of your enterprise, which is of a character that the Government is disposed to encourage in every way consistent with rule ; and I am further directed to enclose to you a copy of the Regulations of the 25th May last, clauses 16 to 21 of which inclusive will inform you of the conditions under which grazing grounds in the North-West Territories are to be acquired.

The Acting Minister wishes me to say that, on receipt of an application from your company for any definite location, which does not interfere with rights previously acquired, he is disposed to give it his favourable consideration.—I have the honour to be, Sir, your obedient servant,

LINDSAY RUSSELL,
Acting Deputy of the Minister of the Interior.