

is fairly started. In course of time the grasses kill out all other growth, and you have a country of magnificent grasses among logs and stumps so thick that it is sometimes a problem how to extricate the sheep from its entangled meshes, and trails have frequently to be cut to get them out to market.

"It is in such conditions as these where the cross bred or long wool sheep excel the merino. They are more active and intelligent, and in a run of that kind will prosper amazingly.

"In British Columbia, on the lower mainland and Fraser Valley there are hundreds of thousands of acres of land, which, if in New Zealand would immediately become subject to the axe and enterprise of the grazier. There is no land in New Zealand or Australia which exhibits the same quickness of response to propagation of grasses as any land, stoney, sandy or otherwise on the low lands or the mountain slopes in this province. And I have seen no where in New Zealand, Australia or Tasmania such magnificent, luscious grasses as you see here wherever the land has been cleared or burnt, and the English grasses and clovers given a chance to propagate.

"As a field for breeding cross-bred sheep," asserted Mr. Miller, "for the foreign or local trade; for the institution of the dairy or cheese-making industries, the Coast districts of British Columbia have positively no equal.

"The principal disadvantage which the enterprising grazier with New Zealand notions, would meet in this country, would be the high price of land, and inadequate provision for cheap tenure. In that country the grazier would have no difficulty in leasing all the land of the kind I have mentioned at a merely nominal figure and for a long term of years, so that security for his outlay would be assured. It should be so, and could be so, in this country. The timber would be the chief difficulty, but there are thousands of acres of logged-off land which ought to be made available for this purpose. In the interior there should be no great difficulty on this score. The government holds millions of acres of land that is fairly open, and the man who is willing to put a bunch of sheep on the land should be given the most liberal terms. The land he would use could not be used for any other purpose, and in that portion of the province I am convinced the Australian merino of the strong clothing wool type would prosper amazingly, bearing in mind that that sheep must have a dry climate. The Lincolns and all the coarse breeds can stand the wet, in fact revel in it."

Mr. Miller's enthusiasm was contagious. "You want to instil into the people the wonderful asset sheep would be to this country. I have never seen a decent Canadian merino since I came to this country, the magnificent, strong constitutioned, long stapled, dense, Wanganella merinos of my Australian recollections, a sheep that would cut anywhere from ten to thirty pounds of wool of the highest quality, and the pioneer who engages in the enterprise of establishing a British Columbia stud of a merino of a similar class, has the whole American continent for a market, and his fortune is assured. The sale of such a breed here would be unlimited. To do this he must understand the game, and while breeding the type, must not forget that the type must be bred suitable to the climatic conditions of the country.

"I can remember the day when there were no more sheep in Australia than there

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are in British Columbia today. A start had to be made, and I can remember flocks where the average clip would not be more than three to four pounds per head, where today 10 to 13 pounds would be considered small."

AN ATTRACTIVE BOOKLET.

We are in receipt of a remarkably attractive booklet issued by the department of natural resources of the C. P. R. It describes very fully the "Irrigation Block" in the neighborhood of Calgary, where this company has developed the largest individual irrigation project on the American continent. The ready made farms in this section have attracted much comment, and this handsomely illustrated publication contains a wealth of interesting information on this subject, and incidentally conveys a vivid impression of the growing importance of irrigation in the agricultural development of Canada. The folder is well worth reading, and may be obtained free of charge by writing to the Publicity Branch, Department of Natural Resources, at Calgary.

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