



The Wealth of the Soil

IN THE vicinity of Mirror there are several farms which may be called show places, where the most advanced and suitable methods of agriculture may be seen. Col. Marryatt has several thousand acres under cultivation, and Jacques Brothers have one of the finest horse ranches in Alberta. A number of farmers have gone into poultry raising extensively; also dairying has become an established industry.

Agricultural statistics show that the enormous expansion of winter wheat production in Alberta constitutes one of the most far-reaching agricultural developments of modern times. The soil and climate are admirably suited for production of highest grades of hard wheat. Then, too, the completion of the Grand Trunk Pacific Railway will give a short haul to tidewater, thence to the markets of the world.

As instances of what is being accomplished, A. E. Burnett raised four thousand two hundred and eighty bushels of wheat on seventy-one acres; that is sixty and one-fourth bushels to the acre. The Canadian Development Company raised wheat that weighed sixty-six pounds to the bushel—just six pounds more than the standard weight. The average yield of winter wheat in Alberta in the year nineteen hundred and ten was twenty-six and sixty-four one-hundredths bushels to the acre. In contrast to this, the average yield in the United States the same year was,—Spring wheat, eleven and seven-tenths bushels to the acre; winter wheat, fifteen and eight-tenths bushels to the acre.

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Bushels to
the Acre*



MIRROR IS IN A CATTLE AND GRAIN COUNTRY

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