

Saskatchewan, and is in the centre of an extensive farming district. A branch line runs between it and Regina, and another line from Portage la Prairie, in Manitoba, is in course of construction. It is well supplied with stores, churches, schools, mills, newspapers, etc. Battleford is another well-situated town, on the delta of the Battle River, west of Prince Albert; and Duck Lake, on the railway, forty miles from Prince Albert, and Saskatoon are the other towns.

CLIMATE.

The climate is healthy, and free from endemic or epidemic diseases. It is bracing and salubrious, and is undoubtedly the finest climate on earth for constitutionally healthy people. Average summer temperature, about 60°. The reason of the equability of the temperature in summer has not yet been thoroughly investigated, but the water stretches may be found to account for it. Spring opens about the beginning of April. Seeding is generally completed in May. Third week in August is usually the time when harvest begins. During winter settlers are generally employed in getting out rails for fencing, logs for building purposes and fuel, and in attending to cattle and doing work which cannot be undertaken during busy seasons of spring or summer.

STOCK-RAISING, RANCHING, ETC.

The country is well adapted for stock-raising on a moderate scale, such as would be suitable for mixed farming. Cattle must be fed, and should be sheltered three months to four months every winter. For bands of from 300 to 500 it is unsurpassed. Horses winter out well, and can, therefore, be kept in large bands. Sheep require the same care as cattle, and are better in small flocks.

DAIRY FARMING, ETC.

Any portion of this district will answer all the requirements for dairy farming. In and on the slopes of the Eagle Hills or south of the Saskatchewan would be most suitable, owing to the luxuriance of the grass and prevalence of springs. North of the Saskatchewan there is abundance of grass in many places, particularly in the vicinity of Jackfish and Turtle Mountain. Pure water in abundance everywhere. Nights are cool. The home demand has always been very large, so that dairy products command good prices.

SETTLERS' TESTIMONY.

PRINCE ALBERT, September 1st, 1894.

I am a native of England, having been born and raised in the City of London, where I was apprenticed to the mathematical instrument making trade. I came to Canada in 1876, settling first at London, Ont., engaging in the business of steampipe fitting and brass finishing. There I succeeded very well, disposing of my business in 1877, after which I decided to make my home in the west. During the summer of 1879, I prospected thoroughly various parts of the country, and chose the Prince Albert district as a result of what I had seen. I located a homestead and pre-emption at Red Deer Hill, and at once began farming operations. My family arrived in the spring of 1890, and we have since resided on the farm. We were among the first