

crop not only cut and threshed, but delivered at the Brandon Elevator ready for shipment by the middle of September. The wheat turned out a splendid sample, nearly the whole of it grading No. 1 hard and No. 1 extra.

I have 1,750 acres fall ploughed and harrowed, so that I can take advantage of the first opportunity in the spring for seeding. I think it of the greatest importance that the farmer should not only plough in the fall, but harrow as well. It is largely to this that I attribute my unvarying success.

I send you copies of some photographs, made this year, of farming scenes taken at my home. They will give you a better idea of farm life than I can do by writing a descriptive article. In the article enclosed there is only an outline of the method I have adopted, but I will be glad to answer any letters received from those desiring information about Manitoba farming that may be addressed to me at Brandon, Manitoba.

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BRANDON, MANITOBA, Oct. 13th, 1890.

Sir,—This is to let you know of my progress since 1889. I have now in all 3,000 acres of land comprised in the farm. This year I had 1,800 acres in wheat, and my crop averages from 35 to 40 bushels to the acre. I had also fifteen acres in oats, which proved a magnificent crop, averaging 75 bushels to the acre, the oats being of extra quality. My total crop of grain this year is about 60,000 bushels. The sample was fine, and the first sale, of 20,000 bushels, brought 84c and 80c per bushel.

As you are aware, I came in without capital, and what I have done since 1883 is simply the result of careful and hard work and close attention to every detail of practical farming. Too many farmers neglect their machinery, keep inferior stock, and allow waste and loss in many trifling channels. This should never be permitted upon any properly conducted farm. Every farmer should make it a rule to buy nothing but the best, be it machinery or stock, *and take care of it properly*, for this means money saved.

I have twelve self-binders, which are housed immediately after their work is done. I have eighteen teams, Clydes and Percherons, pure and half-bred, and these receive the best of care, for I find that attention to these matters pays, and pays well.

In regard to the chances open to new-comers in Manitoba; all I can say is that there is no reason why any young man who is industrious and possesses some practical knowledge of farming, should not succeed.