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WE ARE continually in receipt of letters from various parts of the globe asking whether Alberta is a country where farming can be carried on successfully, or whether it is a stock raising country only. In reply we can state without hesitation that the country is fitted both for stock raising and wheat growing. To those who have sufficient capital to engage in cattle or horse raising and which occupation is generally termed ranching, we would direct to the foot hill country, where grasses are luxuriant, where natural shelter is good and where there is an almost unlimited range; but the intending rancher must bear in mind that he can not expect an immediate return, that if he engage in horse raising he should only breed the best and be prepared to wait four or five years before large returns can be expected; true, he then is in a happy position, as without doubt the man with sufficient capital to purchase 100 or more well bred mares of any breed, with good stallions, and who devotes ordinary intelligence in caring for them, will within 10 years have an income sufficient to keep him for the remainder of his life. The next class of ranching which requires large capital is cattle raising, and one can engage in this industry with much smaller capital, the returns come earlier and the profits have proved highly remunerative to the capital already engaged, but the most experienced and successful stockmen acknowledge that cattle raising is only secondary to that of horse raising. For both industries capital is required and parties going into

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the business must be prepared to wait for the returns. In our minds the class of colonists which will prove of greatest advantage to Alberta and who will attain a competence in greatest numbers and in shortest space of time are the men with limited capital but with practical experience; the men with families to assist them: who will start in mixed farming, who will come to Alberta with one or more car loads of live stock, say a few good brood mares, a dozen or more good dairy cows, a score of breeding ewes and a few sows and some poultry; such a settler will be in a way to make money from the day he arrives in the country; his poultry, sheep and pigs will bring him quick returns, his dairy cows will supply him with milk and butter, and if he is anything of a farmer he cannot but succeed well in Alberta; many especially those with grown up children would be wise if they rented a farm for the first year, so that they may find profitable employment and reap a crop the first year. They could at the same time make ready for building on and cultivating their own land the second year of their residence in the country. A great many think that the life of the farmer in

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