

A Handbook of Information

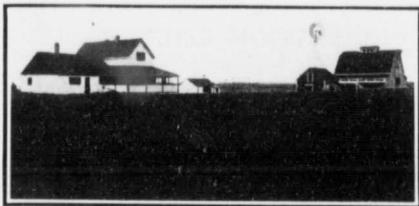
STETTLER, ALBERTA, Oct. 1, 1908.

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Calgary, Alberta.

DEAR SIRS.—My first visit to Canada was in September, 1904. I came as far as Lacombe by rail and from there to Red Willow by horse power. Here I bought a section of land at seven (\$7.00) dollars per acre. Returned to my home in Arkansas and brought out my family the following March. Sold said land that fall for \$10.50 per acre. Then I bought five quarters at \$7.00, \$9.00 and \$10.00 per acre, put about \$800 worth of improvements on the quarter I paid \$9.00 for and sold it last April for \$3,500. Invested this money in two and a half quarters more. All this land is well worth \$15.00 per acre; could get it to-day.

I have made four crops since being here. In 1905 my oats went about 50 bushels per acre, barley the same. In 1906 had only spring wheat that went 28 bushels per acre. In 1907 my oats were good.

This year I harvested 36 acres of oats, yielding 64 bushels per acre. All of these crops were harvested from sod and back-setting. When we get our land in a fine state of cultivation, what



NORTHERN STAR RANCH, JACQUES BROTHERS, INGLETON.

will the yield be? The farmers of this vicinity have been experimenting with fall wheat and it is proving to be a grand success, yielding from 30 to 45 bushels per acre, and matures two to three weeks earlier than other grain.

Vegetables of all kinds do extraordinarily well. I put in a crop of potatoes this year on backsetting, plowed them once; they are simply fine. Sugar beets do equally as well. We have had corn, beans, tomatoes and cucumbers ever since we have been here.

The following berries grow here in profusion: Strawberries, raspberries, gooseberries, cranberries, currants, cherries and saskatoons.

I was raised in the South, where the winters are mild and the climate considered great, but since living in the Stettler district of Alberta, Canada, no more South for me. We have no blizzards here. The winters are dry and only a few weeks of real cold weather; never too cold to work out-of-doors. Don't think there is a healthier country on the globe. I have talked with people who came here with weak lungs, kidneys and stomachs, but now are hale and hearty. Some few I know of have sold their land and went back

to their old homes, but have returned and are glad to get back again to "Sunny Alberta," the greatest mixed farming and healthiest country in the world, in my judgment. We had our first killing frost in this vicinity the morning of the ninth of September.

CHAS. L. HOLT.

Another farmer who had obtained results exceeding his most sanguine expectations is Mr. T. C. Gorrell, who four years ago, with his family, came from Yakima, Washington. Mr. Gorrell's



T. C. GORRELL'S PLOWING OUTFIT.

farm is located about fifty miles due east of Stettler. He and his four sons secured sufficient land to make up two whole sections. For a short time they lived in a log house, but by dint of persevering labor, coupled with a favorable environment, they have increased



T. C. GORRELL'S FARM HOUSE.

their holdings to such an extent that to-day they have 200 acres in crop, and are rapidly increasing the area under cultivation; two threshing outfits, horses and cattle, 100 pigs, as well as modern