

western America reason to remember it as one of disaster and loss. Not alone was the spring backward and the summer dry, but frost set in early in September, in too many instances seriously affecting the result of the labor of the whole of the past year. Grain grew very slowly during the unusually dry and cold early summer, and not until the middle of July—a month late—did refreshing rain visit the parched fields. Everything then rushed ahead with marvelous growth, and six weeks changed tracts apparently dead into waving richly laden fields in various stages of maturity. On the 7th of September frost fell over a vast belt from the Atlantic Ocean to the Rocky Mountains, and from latitude 40 to the desolate Arctic. No unripened grain or fruit, or the more delicate vegetables escaped where at all exposed. Not all have suffered alike even under similar conditions, but the widespread havoc has given abundant evidence of the visit of the frost king. The escape of many persons in Manitoba and some in the North-West, from the effects of this visitation, is credited pretty generally to two things—good seed and early sowing. The “Bell Farm” had the good fortune to enjoy almost absolute freedom—not from the frost, for *it* came, but from its ravages. The best and purest seed had been procured last March, and so soon as the snow fled seeding commenced, and the result in this instance proves not only the capacity of the soil but the certainty of a good crop even in the most unfavorable season, provided the prime requisites of good seed and early seeding with careful husbandry are recognized.

The “Bell Farm” has fulfilled a large portion of its mission already. The success attendant on the efforts of the manager and staff, in the face of seemingly overpowering difficulties, and the gloomy outlook amid early drought and succeeding frost, served to re-establish in a wonderful degree the confidence of many a farmer whose parched and thinly covered ground was in contrast with the well clad fields on the “Bell Farm,” and the immunity of the latter from frost tends to cheer and revive the husbandman, even amid the wreck of his past labor; for he concludes, and concludes wisely, “If the ‘Bell Farm’ with land imperfectly ploughed only once during the latter part of last year, when the ground was too dry to turn over, raised good crops on the ‘breaking,’ owing to having good seed and having sown early, why may not I with as good ground and better preparation—having back-set as well as broken—raise even larger crops?” And reasoning thus, many hundred farmers have resolved to remain in the North-West, confident of its vast resources and capabilities, who, but for the past season’s success