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BEET SUGAR.
Editor, Monetary Times,—
SIR,—My attention has been directed to an editorial in your esteemed paper of issue of January 3rd last, under the caption: "Beet Sugar Making." While there is no direct statement in that article which could be deemed injurious to the company I represent, viz., the Wiarton Beet, Sugar Mfg. Co., Limited, yet an inference may be drawn from it which is unfair to us, at least. The Berlin proposition is not the only one containing the elements of success; in fact, I am convinced that when the facts are known, Berlin does not monopolize all the conditions which tend toward success in beet sugar making.

Your article is quite correct when it says that those who are projecting beet sugar enterprises in the province should be careful to inform themselves as to whether they have the nucleus of success in their propositions. This is just what has been done at Wiarton.
Putting it broadly, the following conditions are absolutely essential to success in the beet sugar business: First, an ample supply of beets assured; second, a high percentage of sugar content, and high purity of the beets; third, good transportation facilities by railway and water; fourth, good water supply easy of access; fifth, a good factory site; sixth, a good supply of suitable limestone.
Of the first, Berlin no doubt is assured, and so is Wiarton. Wiarton now has enough beets assured to make a successful campaign for next fall. Of the second, it may be of interest to state that in the fall of 1899, Professor Shuttleworth analyzed the Wiarton beets and his report showed Wiarton beets to have the highest sugar content in the province for that season, with a very high purity. The reason for Wiarton's exceptionally good showing is explained by the presence of Lake Huron and Georgian Bay, these immense bodies of water equalizing the temperature and prolonging our season of sunshine and high temperature into late fall, thus extending our ripening season weeks longer than in the midland counties. To-day Toronto Bay is frozen solid, has been for weeks; Colpo's bay has not been frozen over this winter. At Guelph and Palmerston there is a foot of snow. At Wiarton there is barely enough for sleighing as yet. The temperature of Wiarton is almost as high as Hamilton. The presence of immense limestone deposits in this region gives a soil which produces beets of singular purity. When it is remembered that an increase of one per cent. in impurity prevents the crystallization of one per cent of the sugar content, this fact becomes one of the highest importance.
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