

from contractors the very best class of work at the lowest prices going.

In order to convey some idea of the cost of farm development work, we might state here that the average contract prices have been as follows:—

Breaking, 3 inches deep	\$3.00 per acre
Breaking, 5 inches deep	\$4.00 per acre
Harrowing, each operation	25c. to 35c. per acre
Discing, 3 times	\$1.50 per acre
Seeding (not including seed)	50c. per acre
Seed, per bushel	Market Prices
Fencing, per mile, 3 wires	\$110 to \$125
Fencing, per mile, 4 wires	\$120 to \$140
Hauling seed grain from nearest station to land, per mile, per bushel	½c.
Treating grain with bluestone or formaline, 3c. per bushel but not less than \$2.	

Clients wishing to have work performed will be able to figure out very closely the probable cost. It is the invariable rule of the Company that funds must be available before any development contracts will be initiated. It is also a rule that no development of areas smaller than forty acres or the erection of less than one mile of fencing will be undertaken.

It is the intention of the Company that the personal services of its development staff should be given gratis to purchasers of land within the Irrigation Block. No charge will, therefore, be made for any time devoted by its employees to supervising and inspecting such work. The Company, however, finds it necessary to charge a small amount to cover actual cash expenses in the way of livery, hotel bills, and other travelling expenses incurred by its employees in behalf of clients. The amount so charged is based upon the average travelling expense outlay in connection with such work during the present season, and has been fixed at 5 per cent. of the total contract price.

In undertaking work of the kind referred to, the Company is actuated solely by a desire to hasten the agricultural development of the lands embraced within the Irrigation Block, and to assist new-comers to get upon a profitable footing as soon as possible after going into actual occupation. It is realized that a great many land purchasers are unable to move on to their farms at once, and would prefer to have the preliminary work done by contract, so as not to lose any time, and to enable them to get a crop growing and a cash revenue from the farm shortly after going into occupation in time to take charge of the harvesting.

The chief object of the Company's development policy is to encourage purchasers to make their farms immediately productive. It, therefore, agrees to initiate farming operations. It does not, however, undertake the further management of such lands. Once the farm has been fenced and the land has been prepared for crop and seeded, the Company's task ends. The harvesting and marketing of the crop must be attended to by the owner or his representative. The Company will not assume this responsibility.

The Company does not encourage purchasers of lands to break the same after the end of July. The most favorable time for breaking is generally between the middle of May and the first week of July, when the prairie grasses are at their best. Winter wheat should be sown as far as possible during the last two weeks of July; spring wheat as early as possible after the season opens; oats prior to the first of May; and barley during the first two weeks in May.

The Development Department stands for the best farming practice only. The Company's ambition is, that any work undertaken for absentee land owners should bring as good, or even better, results than if such work were performed by them personally. Such being the case, it positively refuses to undertake any farm development work too far out of season to give satisfaction to its clients. However anxious the Company is to serve its purchasers and to promote the most rapid development in the Irrigation Block, it respectfully declines to become a party to any expenditure on the part of its clients that is almost certain to end in disappointment.

A form is provided which must be used by owners of land desiring the Company to undertake development in their behalf. This form, duly signed and accompanied by the proper remittance, must be forwarded to the Company as early in the season as possible. Should there be a balance left after the work ordered has been completed, owing to our having been able to shade the contract prices and effect a saving in any other direction, it will be promptly returned.

Home Making in Instalments.

The married man who cuts adrift from his old home, gathers together his family and effects and settles on the Irrigation Block to carve out a home for himself, is naturally more or less dependent on his capital and the production of his farm to succeed in this enterprise. The bachelor settler with limited capital, is, however, able to supplement his finances by leaving his holding during the winter time and working out in the mines or lumber woods located in the Rocky Mountain Region west of Calgary.

During the summer time, there will be for years to come, a considerable amount of construction work going on within the Irrigation Block, where good wages will be paid to competent men. This opportunity of employment is, of course, equally open to married and single men. The summer season is not, however, a good time for the settler to be absent from his holding, unless he is acting under compulsion, and we would not advise men with families to locate on the land unless they are largely independent of outside work to make a living, until such time as they have a crop to realize on. The bachelor, however, enjoys the advantage of coming and going more or less as he pleases, and can proceed with the development of his land as fast or as slowly as his means will permit him. There is, of course, always a considerable