

ciety (President, Mr. Henry Dorrell; Secretary, Mr. O. B. Fish) is in thoroughly good standing, numerically and financially. Numerous enquiries are being made for C. P. R. and other vacant land. Stock, sheep, horses and cattle, is being largely imported into this district, and everywhere doing well. The number of ranchmen in this section is very large. Messrs. Gagen & Co. started ranching in here in 1886 with some eighty head of cattle. Their sales last year amounted to \$6,000, averaging \$54 per head; this year \$2,400, averaging \$48 per head. Mr. Donald McLean, of Eyebrow Lake, has a sheep ranch numbering some 2,800. Mr. McLean shipped 1st July, 1891, some 12,000 lbs. of wool at 12½c. per lb. Messrs. Bambridge & Co., at present about seven miles southwest of the town, own a large sheep ranch of about 1,500 head. Mr. J. L. Legaré, of Willow Bunch, has for the past three years conducted cheese-making operations there on an extensive scale.

In addition to the union school of the town, there are in the surrounding districts about a dozen other schools. The people desire that every opportunity be afforded of giving to every child an excellent education.

The farmers have great faith in the productiveness of the soil of the district. They only need the means to farm as they would wish to, and they are confident of securing good results.

From Moose Jaw to Caron, seventeen miles to the north of the railway, is a fine stretch of country, much of which is yet open for settlement. With Caron the settlement in a westerly direction, with the exception of the Lester Kaye Farms, practically ends until Swift Current, some ninety-six miles further to the west, is reached.

TREGARVA.—Some few miles to the north of Regina is the Tregarva Settlement. The whole district is a good one for mixed farming. Most of the farmers are stock owners. A good class of bulls and entire horses have been brought into the neighborhood during the last two or three years. The crops everywhere (July, 1891,) are looking excellent. The Messrs. Brown Bros., of the Rose Plain Settlement, own 115 head of cattle, 22 horses, have 325 acres under crop, 100 acres of breaking and 55 acres of summerfallow.

LONGLAKE.—This district lies some few miles to the northwest of Craven. Crops here everything that could be desired. This, too, is an excellent stock district; Messrs. Barnes Bros. have, during the past few years, brought up a number of good grade draught horses from Parkhill, Ont. About two summers ago they imported from that district the registered Shire horse Sir Thomas [5350]. They intend making further importations next spring.

STRASSBURG.—The German settlement here is a most thriving one. Crops everywhere are looking well. A number of good houses, some of them after the pattern of the homeland, have been recently built or are building here. There is a good school.

All along the east side of the Long Lake is a good stretch of country well suited for mixed farming.

SILTON.—Mr. Chas. Benjafield of the post office here has a pleasantly situated home on the lake side. Mr. Benjafield owns a trim-built steam yacht and a number of small boats. Sifton is a pleasant holiday resort for some of the Regina and other people, and in the "good

time coming" a large number will, no doubt, avail themselves of an opportunity to enjoy a holiday at this point.

LONG LAKE is from three-quarters to four miles in breadth and about sixty miles in length. The white fish, which is very marketable in Regina and elsewhere, pike, pickerel, perch, besides the common fish, are found in abundance. The deer, antelope, prairie chicken, geese, ducks, of which there are a large number of varieties, and other game, common to the country, are found along the shores of the lake. At the upper end of the lake are a number of islands upon which the pelican, the cormorant, ducks, geese and other wild fowl breed. The wild swan is found here in the spring and fall.

VALLEY OF THE QU'APPELLE.—It would take much space to particularize all the work which is being done along this pleasant valley. Among the stock owners from Craven to Fort Qu'Appelle may be mentioned:—Messrs. Lambert Bros., owning some 50 horses and 275 head of cattle; Messrs. Lee, Wilson, Catley, F. W. Evetts, Messrs. Binger & Kerr, owning some 50 horses and about the same number of cattle; Mr. S. P. Gregg, Mr. A. E. McCaul, owning about 100 horses and some 60 or 70 head of cattle—the Clyde horse Sir Boydston [1472], the imported Clyde mare Miller's Maid [604], from which he has a yearling filly [reg. No. 1385]; also a thoroughbred horse by sire Collogram, dam Maggie Simpson, and purchased from Mr. Cook, of Cookstown, Quebec; a Polled-Angus bull, three Polled-Angus cows, two of which were imported, and three Hereford cows, one of which was imported; Mr. D. A. McDonald, who owns some pure-bred Polled-Angus cattle, also purchased from Mr. Pope, and a number of horses; Mr. H. C. Lawson, who owns the imported thoroughbred stallion Derwentwater, from sire Doncaster, the winner of the Derby, two thoroughbred mares imported this spring, together with about 90 other horses; Messrs. Boulding, Mollard, Stewart & Sons, J. Smith, J. Brown and Mr. Wm. Kearns & Sons, some 12 miles west of Fort Qu'Appelle, who owns the Hambletonian trotting stallion Lorne Harold [275], imported two years ago, and Union Jack. They own also standard-bred Canadian and bronchio mares, all of which are being bred to above horses. The Messrs. Kearns purpose making a specialty of the breeding of high class road horses and Holstein-Friesian cattle. Of Holsteins they own the bull Holland's Pride Duke Netherland [7656]. Of cows Catherine Tensen's Flossy [15243], Polly Tensen [15244], Alice Gilbert [16491], together with young stock from the above. They own also a herd of high grade cattle, numbering about 30, and about 30 sheep of Southdown grade. These gentlemen, with others along the Qu'Appelle Valley, have excellent facilities for carrying on an extensive stock business, and it may be expected that this whole stretch of country will become noted for its first-class stock. There are a number of other gentlemen working extensively and successfully to the west of Craven, and also along the west side of the Long Lake and elsewhere in this excellent stock district, but trust that the *Advocate* will be favored with particulars from them from time to time.

Some six miles to the west of Fort Qu'Appelle is the Sioux village and school.

In a good season wild fowls are found in these districts in abundance. They will be scarce this year. One lady gave me a list of thirteen varieties of wild fruits picked in their neighborhood last (a good) year. The white, black, and red cherries, the black, blue and red currants, the high and low bush cranberries, the strawberry, raspberry, gooseberry, saskatoon and the thorn apple.

FAIRMEADE.—This is a good district for mixed farming. There is a large quantity of stock, including pure-bred Shorthorn cattle, here. Our representative had recently the pleasure of spending the night with Mr. John Kidd, of the P. O. there. The "White Cluster" and the "Prize Prolific" oats from the Experimental Farm, Ottawa, are looking well. About 80 per cent. of the trees received, also from Ottawa, are in a most thriving condition. Mr. Kidd is experimenting in the growing of different varieties of potatoes. The "Rosedale" from

Messrs. Pearce & Co., seedsmen, London, Ontario, did excellently last year, fifty-nine pounds being produced from the one pound sown. This potato is looking well now, August 1st., 1891. Mr. Kidd owns a herd of fifty-one well-bred cattle.

Mr. Kidd, in speaking of the *FARMER'S ADVOCATE*, said:—"I've subscribed for the paper for the last twenty years, and it's more welcome each time it comes along."

McGregor, Manitoba.

This thriving village is situated seventy-eight miles west of Winnipeg, on the main line of the C. P. R. As yet it has but two churches, Presbyterian and Methodist, and Church of England services held in the Presbyterian church. The school-house is at present situated about a mile out of the village, but it is the intention to build one in the village at an early date. A new grist mill of 125 barrel capacity has recently been erected, and is proving a boon to the locality. The inhabitants number 250. Excellent water is obtained at a depth of from twelve to eighteen feet. The soil is a rich sandy loam, and the locality very healthy. Excellent building lots can be obtained in the village at from \$40 to \$150 each, and farm lands in the vicinity from \$3.50 to \$15 per acre. Prominent among the business men of the town are T. R. Varden, who is Secretary of the municipality of North Norfolk, also a real estate agent, lends money, and represents Massey Co.'s implements, as well as the Northwest Land Co. Mr. Varden has been in McGregor nine years. Stinson Bros., general storekeepers, handle groceries, dry goods, boots and shoes, crockery, glassware, clothing, etc. Messrs. Stinson appear to be reliable men, and carry an excellent stock. They have been in McGregor two years, and are evidently growing up with the town. Edward Smith, harness-maker, appears to be a thoroughly practical man, carries a large stock of every kind of harness, manufactures all hand stitched goods, and, as is often the case in new places, Mr. Smith has a variety of businesses. He keeps a stock of furniture of every description, and is the leading undertaker of the place. Mr. H. B. Fryer does the hardware business of the town, is a general blacksmith, and also handles furnaces. He has been in the place some two years, and does a good business. Mr. W. Cairns' general store is the oldest establishment in the place, having been established five years. He carries a good stock of dry goods, groceries, boots and shoes, etc. Logan & Co., bankers, do an extensive business in money matters, as well as a good lumber trade. The grist mill is owned by Mr. George Rogers, and, as might be expected, is doing an excellent business. A good mill is a very great benefit to the town in which it is located, in any country, but more especially in Manitoba, as most of our farmers can testify. McGregor is to be congratulated on having such a business located there. Mr. Alex. F. Murdock runs a general blacksmith and horse-shoeing business, as well as attending to general repairing of all kinds for the farmers of the locality. He is also agent for all kinds of carriages, wagons, etc. He has been two years a resident of the place, and, like most Manitoba people, is well satisfied with the place where he resides. Mr. Henry Ivey does a truly cosmopolitan business, and meets with fair success in all. He keeps general stationery, millinery and dress-making establishment, general confectionery and fruits of all kinds. The Stanley House, kept by Mr. E. Watson, is the leading hotel of the place. It has a well-furnished sample room for commercial travellers, and is located convenient to the station. Mr. R. J. Fleming runs the Albion; he keeps a general boarding house. He has been two years in town, and is doing exceedingly well. McGregor is a very healthy town, and the situation and soil are such as to make it a desirable place to reside. Good average crops are raised in the locality, and entire failures are never known. Mr. E. B. Laughlin, the genial agent of the C. P. R. at this point, reports C. P. R. lands for sale at \$3.50 to \$4 per acre within two miles of the town. There are eighteen to twenty sections in the locality yet for sale.