

miles when it was 35 and 40 degrees below zero, and I did not notice it as much as I did 20 degrees below zero in Michigan.

Well, I was pleased to see my brother George, who came along on the 21st of December. George has come to stay. He is sorry that he did not come out here two years ago, for he likes the country first rate.

The prices are as follows: Wheat, 55c. per bush.; barley, 25c.; oats, 25c.; potatoes, 35c.; butter, 25c per lb.; eggs, 40c. per doz.; turkeys, 15c. per lb.; flour, first quality, \$2.75 per bbl.; second quality, \$2.50 per bbl.; geese, 14c. per lb.; chickens, 10c. per lb.

I spent 24 years in Michigan, and I find that Western Canada is the best, and I am sure that I shall see better things here yet from all appearances. I wish you a very happy New Year.

Yours truly,

(Signed)

M. Rykerman.

Leaton, Mich., December 15th, 1898.

Mr. J. N. Grieve, Canadian Immigration Agent,
Mount Pleasant, Michigan.

Dear Sir,—I first went to Alberta in April, 1898, and remained five weeks, and was so favorably impressed with what I saw, and could learn from those in a position to know by residence in the country, that I selected three quarter sections and moved there with two of my sons and their families, and they are there now, located off Conjuron Creek, west of Leduc, and are delighted with the country and the prospects for the future. I have broken about 25 acres of the finest land in the world, and built houses, stables, etc. The country is fast filling up with desirable settlers, and I would advise anyone in search of a home to lose no time in seeing it, as I consider it an excellent country for mixed farming. Cattle do remarkably well, there being plenty of feed summer and winter.

We cut and stacked 40 tons of hay, and raised an excellent crop of potatoes, which in quality were the finest I ever saw. There are no potato bugs there, and the crop is very easily raised.

It is also an excellent country for raising many kinds of vegetables, and better wheat and oats cannot be raised anywhere. I intend going back in the spring and make it my permanent home, and expect to take more of my family with me. Anyone desiring any information about Alberta may write or see me at Leaton, Mich., or to my son George at Leduc, Alberta.

Yours truly,

(Signed)

James J. Kirkpatrick.