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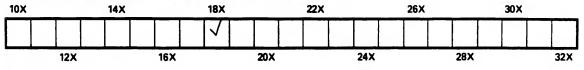


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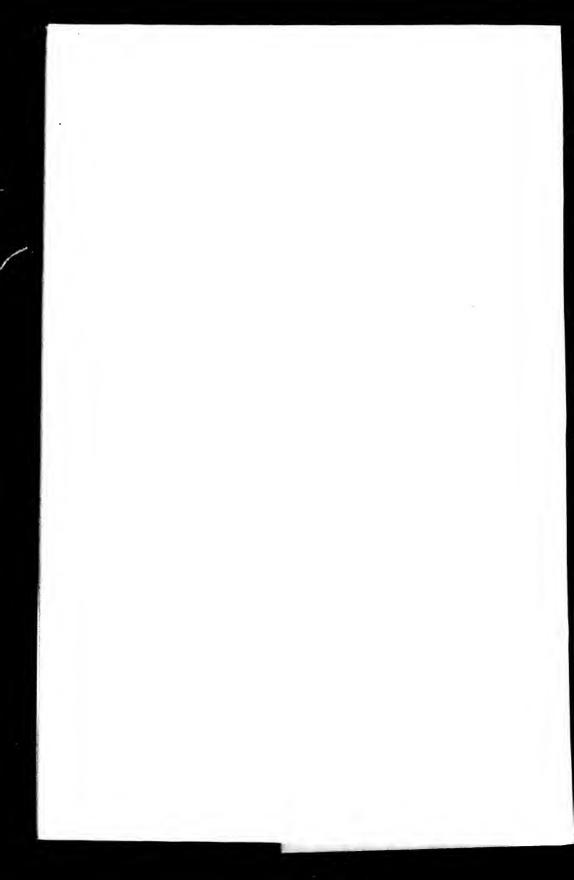
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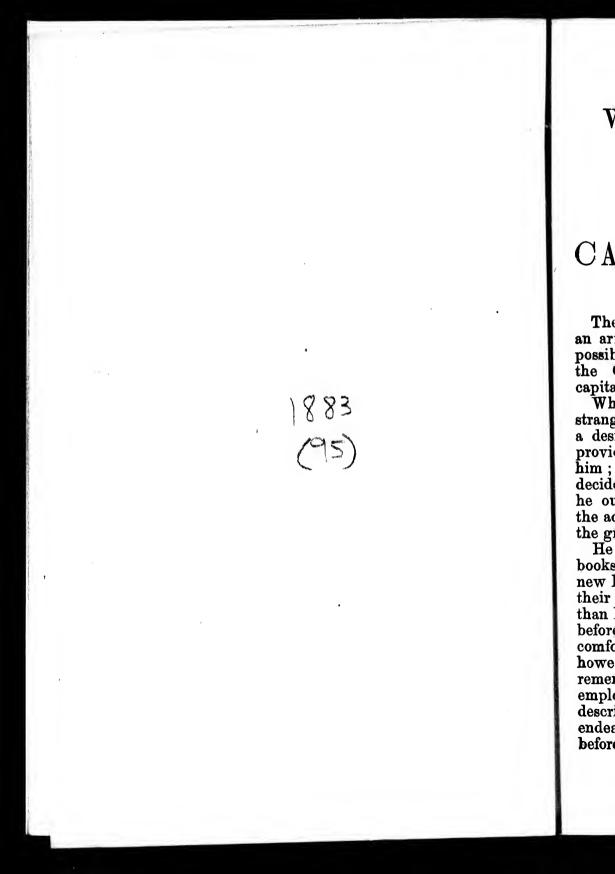
# CANADIAN NORTH-WEST.



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# CANADIAN NORTH-WEST.

The object of this pamphlet is to place before the public an array of facts, in as clear and concise a manner as possible, to demonstrate the great advantages possessed by the Canadian North-West for intending settlers and capitalists.

When a man contemplates seeking a new home in a strange country, he is, in most cases, induced to do so from a desire to better his condition, or, if he has a family, to provide for the future welfare of those dependent upon him; it therefore becomes a serious matter for him to decide upon the most suitable place to which to move, and he ought to weigh well all the disadvantages, as well as the advantages of a new country, ere he commits himself to the grave responsibility of making a selection in its favour.

He will more than probably be furnished with numerous books and pamphlets, setting forth the superiority of certain new lands over others. He will read glowing accounts of their beauties, resources and advantages, and will more than likely be charmed by the pen pictures presented before his mind, as he reads the well-depicted scenes of comfort and happiness in the far-off land. He must, however, while reading these glowing descriptions, remember that they are frequently written by men employed for the purpose of advertising the countries described, and disposing of the lands; who have, therefore, endeavoured to place everything in the brightest colours before their readers. The writers, moreover, are seldom men of practical experience, and although gifted with skill in writing, are not the best judges of what is the most suitable for a farmer. Pamphleteers, moreover, who are employed to write up lands, are too apt to be unscrupulous in their efforts to please the men who engage them, and too often either misstate matters or conceal defects, so as to entice immigrants, hoping thereby to gain a few out of their many dupes.

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We are prompted to give this warning to intending emigrants because we know that Great Britain and Europe are inundated at the present time with pamphlets, which in too many cases are not reliable.

The purpose of the present work is to endeavour to give as clear and straightforward a description of the advantages of the Canadian North-West as possible, and to support the same by the statements of farmers who have settled in the country, who know from experience of what they speak, and who can have no object in trying to deceive others.

One naturally desires first to obtain a general outline of a country ere he proceeds to examine into its details; and for this reason we will give a short sketch of the Canadian North-West as it is to-day.

Lying north of the 49th parallel of north latitude is an immense area of fertile land which for many years was regarded as only fit for the trapper and hunter, but which now is known as a country teeming with richness, and possessing a soil and; climate peculiarly adapted to the successful cultivation of grain, and raising of stock.

This valuable tract of country, which commences at Red River and extends westward to the Rocky Mountains, a distance of nearly one thousand miles, containing as nearly as can be estimated between two and three millions of square miles of as fine land as can be found anywhere in the world, is the portion of the Canadian North-West to which we purpose confining our remarks.

The entrance to this great country is through the Province of Manitoba, which within the last few years has become well settled by a very superior class of farmers.

The "fertile belt" is principally prairie land, some of it being level, while other portions are rolling, or undulating, with clumps of wood, and lines of forest here and there. skill most are alous d too as to ut of

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'it g, It abounds with lakes, lakelets and running streams, in the neighbourhood of which the scenery in many parts has been described as rivalling the finest park scenery in England.

Throughout this splendid country the Canadian Pacific Railway, already commenced, will be built within 1883 from Lake Superior to the Rocky Mountains, thus opening it for settlement, and placing its farmers in direct communication with the Eastern markets. It is already built 660 miles west of Winnipeg. From this time, therefore, immigrants in the North-West will not be obliged to go very far in advance of the railway, but should they desire to do so for the purpose of choosing fine locations, every care will be taken to guide and assist them in their journey, a fact which we will more clearly demonstrate later on.

Professor Macoun, who during the past year has carefully explored a large portion of the country in the Souris and Qu'Appelle districts, has stated that there are fifty million acres of land in that locality, not only fertile but also presenting a most inviting field for immigration. Many parts are described as "rolling prairie with good clay soil," level plain with dark rich loam, and clumps of woods, and lakes and streams are said to abound.

The land in Manitoba has frequently been described as very rich, a black loam from 2 to 4 feet deep; and now we find the country lying north of the Assiniboine as being of similar character. In a north-easterly direction the country is very fertile, often exceedingly beautiful, interspersed with forests and clumps of wood, and in some spots with marshes covered with luxuriant and nutritious grasses, the prairie abounding in lakelets or ponds, with wild fowl very plentiful. Westward of the Assiniboine the same description of fertile country, interspersed with woods and abundantly watered by ponds and streams, extends a hundred and thirty miles to and beyond the great and little Touchwood Hills.

Professor Hind, in speaking of the country in the neighbourhood of the Touchwood Hills, says :---"We "reached the summit plateau, and then passed through a "very beautiful undulating country, diversified by many " picturesque lakes and aspen groves, possessing land of the "best quality and covered with most luxuriant herbage. "From a small hill I counted forty-seven lakes, and so rich "and abundant is the vegetation that the horses remain in "the open glades all winter, and always find plenty of "forage to keep them in good condition."

A fine country, dotted with innumerable lakes, annually replenished by summer rains, extends from Touchwood Hills due East to Riding Mountains, a distance of upwards of two hundred miles. North of the Touchwood Hills, the fertile plateau, with an increasing proportion of forest in its northern and western parts, extends from the Duck Mountains westward to the Saskatchewan, two hundred and twenty miles; and beyond, up the valley of the North Branch, four hundred miles further.

The north and south branches of the River Saskatchewan have their sources in the Rocky Mountains, and at a distance of five hundred and fifty miles eastward they meet at what is called "the Forks." The North Branch diverges, starting from the base of the Rocky Mountains, North-eastward, and the South Branch, or Bow River, South-eastward, till at two hundred and fifty miles due eastward, they attain a distance of about three hundred miles from each other.

The total length of the Saskatchewan, taking the North Branch from the Rocky Mountains to Lake Winnipeg, is a thousand and fifty-four and-a-half miles. From "the Forks," where the two branches meet, the country to the Southeastward is mixed woodland and prairie, the soil with slight exceptions being a rich black mould. On the slopes of the valleys the grass is long and luxuriant, affording fine pasturage, and the general aspect of the country is gently undulating and highly favourable for agriculture, the soil being deep and uniformly rich, rivalling the low prairies of Red River and Assiniboine.

This tract of country extends South-easterly through the wooded region of Root River to the Assiniboine, opposite the mouth of the Souris, a distance of three hundred and twenty miles of fertile prairie, interspersed with woodlands. The Root River rises about sixty miles South-west from "the Forks," and runs parallel with the Saskatchewan, about thirty to forty miles South, a distance of over two hundred miles. It

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For about a hundred miles in a direct line South-westward of "the Forks" of the Saskatchewan, the country is described as having a rich soil with abundant woods, in clumps and groves; but after passing that distance it gradually assumes the character of treeless prairie. At a distance of about two hundred and fifty miles from "the Forks" on the South Branch, the elbow is reached, and although the country from the latter point to the base of the Rocky Mountains, especially to the southward, has been described as of inferior character, there are large exceptions to be found --The Cypress Hills for instance, which are described by Palliser as covered with fine timber, abounding in excellent grass and well watered.

Along the base of the Rocky Mountains northward to where the Athabasca takes its rise, the country is partially wooded, and has innumerable clumps of poplar and willow. Fine streams run through numerous beautiful valleys, which are covered with a most luxuriant growth of vetches and nutritious grasses. There are fine prairie bottoms and others covered with scrub and willow, and in some parts there is an abundance of woods of spruce, poplar and aspen, sufficient to afford shelter for cattle in winter. In winter the eastern slopes of the Rocky Mountains are less encumbered with snow than much of the prairie country, and the grasses are of a finer and more nutritious nature than those found on the plains, and this, combined with the clumps and ridges of wood, the numerous valleys and clear running streams, makes this part of the Canadian North-West peculiarly fitted for the raising of immense herds of cattle.

The North Branch, for five hundred and twenty miles up from "the Forks," and the Battle River which enters the Saskatchewan about a hundred and seventy miles above the junction of the North and South branches for about four hundred and fifty miles, traverse a rich prairie country, more or less interspersed with woods.

This immense area of country may be termed the garden of the North-West, and at one part has a breadth of one hundred and fifty miles, at another a hundred, and in other parts from sixty to seventy miles.

It commences at "the Forks" of the Saskatchewan, and follows the North Branch until within about two hundred and eighty miles from the Rocky Mountains, when it ceases, and a thick, wooded country commences. It follows the Battle River, which drains a large part of the country between the North and South Branches, and then takes the course of the Red Deer River to the South, until merged in the fertile region in the vicinity of the South Branch.

The climate of this great fertile country is decidedly milder than that of Red River, and the character more uniform than any other portion of the North-West.

Taking a northerly direction along the Athabasca River for over one hundred and fifty miles, we have evidence of a country of varied character, possessing woods of birch, aspen, pine and poplar, and a soil of rich black mould. The total length of the Athabasca is nine hundred miles, but until more fully explored it is difficult to say how much of this vast region is fit for settlement.

The climate along the greatest portion of the route to Lake Athabasca is very pleasant, the Spring being quite as early as in the Province of Quebec. In the Athabasca district and along the Pembina River, one of its tributaries, great fields of coal have been discovered, only waiting to be developed. In some parts these immense beds of coal are to be seen eight feet thick along the banks of the stream. There is now no doubt of the existence of an almost inexhaustible supply of coal in the Athabasca district; and, in addition, gold has also been discovered, with every indication of large deposits.

From explorations already made, however, coal has been found in several localities in closer proximity to the line of the Canadian Pacific than Athabasca. For upwards of two hundred miles along the Saskatchewan country above Edmonton, and a little below, coal prevails with little interruption, and is to be seen in beds two, and two and-ahalf feet thick on the river banks. In the Souris country coal has been found, and it is confidently believed will be discovered in large quantities, from present indications.

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A cause of the exceptionally favourable climate of the Peace River district and also of the Saskatchewan, is to be found in the prevalence of warm westerly winds from the Pacific; and in addition to the favourable climatic conditions indicated by the thermometer, the length of the day in summer in the higher northern latitudes, favours the rapid and vigorous growth of vegetation, and takes the place to a certain extent of heat in this respect.

Our space necessarily prevents us from giving more than a passing glimpse of the vast fertile fields of the Canadian North-West, as a full and complete description of them would fill volumes; but it will be only a few years ere they will be better known, when teeming with happy and contented people, they will be pouring forth the golden grain by means of the numerous railways at present projected for speedy construction. The Canadian Pacific Railway, as already stated, is built for 660 miles west of Winnipeg, and in 1883 will be completed to the Rocky Mountains. All the branches of this line now completed amount to 1,271 miles. The length of branches and main line, when completed, will be 3,018 miles. Millions of acres of fine land will be thrown open for settlement in close proximity to the Railway, which will at once bring the new settlers in communication with the Eastern grain markets.

Besides the Canadian Pacific Railway, many other lines are projected :—The South-western, running from Winnipeg south-westerly, is to be immediately commenced, and a portion of it is already built. Hudson's Bay is to be connected with Winnipeg by rail and water communication. Charters for no less than four great lines to tap the Peace River district have been already granted; and the Saskatchewan and Assiniboine Rivers are to have a numerous fleet of steamers navigating their waters.

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It is quite evident, moreover, that the contemplated rapid completion of the Canadian Pacific Railway will induce the immediate construction of branch lines, tapping: the fertile plains in every direction.

The climate of the fertile belt which we have described. is much finer than that of the more eastern portions of the Continent; and in fact, taking the whole year together, is more genial than that of the older Provinces of Canada, and many of the Eastern States of America. It is very happily situated for the benignant operations of atmospheric influences. From the South come up the warm currents of the Gulf of Mexico, which, gliding over the low water-shed of the Mississippi, continue to drop fatness in the valleys of the Red River and Winnipeg to the very mouth of the Saskatchewan. On the West again the country is equally favoured by what has been called by some writers, a freak of nature. A great dip or depression takes place in the Rocky Mountains, just at the boundary line (the 49th parallel,) and through this hollow pass, scooped out by nature, pour the balmy and fostering gales of the Pacific, which circulate all over the prairies and float down the Saskatchewan, at the mouth of which they meet and mingle with the Southern currents already mentioned, coming up from the Mississippi.

Both these radiations of tropical heat, the Southern and the Western, from time to time encounter Northern winds, and being chilled by their contact condenseinto heavy clouds, which precipitate themselves, sometimes in torrents of rain, sometimes in light and refreshing showers, over the whole region which composes the fertilebelt of the Canadian North-West. Hence the moisture and teeming vegetation which characterize the whole of thiscountry, which produces almost every crop and every nd a o be nicap the the nu-

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The gateway to the Canadian North-West Territory is the Province of Manitoba. Manitoba has a regular form of representative Government, consisting of a Legislative Assembly of 24 members, with the administrative functions vested in a Lieut.-Governor and Council of five Cabinet Ministers. The local Ministers are responsible to the Legislative Assembly, holding office subject to lts confidence. The Province is divided into 26 Municipalities, each having its properly organized Council, one of whose principal duties is to see that the roads and bridges within the district are kept in a thorough state of repair. Law and order and protection to life and property are thoroughly looked after, efficient police forces and a numerous staff of constables and law officers being employed for the purpose under the control of an Attorney-General, and with a Chief Justice and two Judges to administer the law. Educational interests on the separate school system are very carefully attended to, there being as many as 102 Protestant schools, with an attendance of over 5,000 children, and 27 Catholic schools with over 2.500 children. A university and three large colleges are also established, besides which there are well-conducted ladies' schools, and several private educa-The principal business centre tional establishments. in Manitoba is the City of Winnipeg, situated at the junction of the Red and Assiniboine Rivers, which has a population to-day of over 15,000 souls, while in 1870 it only counted 215. Winnipeg is well laid out and has wide, handsome streets and broad sidewalks throughout, lined on each side with elegant brick and wooden buildings.  $\mathbf{It}$ can boast of whole blocks of splendid stores, with plateglass windows—some of its private residences cost as much as \$50,000, and it has amongst other public buildings a fine City Hall, Custom House, Post Office and Land Office, all of which are built of brick-in fact the manufacture of brick is now so extensively carried on in the neighbourhood of the city that it is taking altogether the place of wood for building purposes. Handsome churches adorn the city, and next year splendid Parliament Buildings and a Governor's residence are to be erected. It has two large daily

newspapers, club houses, very select in their membership, numerous handsome cabs, and almost every feature peculiar to older cities. Over a dozen steamers, some of them of large size, ply to and from the levee; and already six daily passenger railway trains leave the city for different points. Its situation as a railway centre is already assured, and there is no doubt in a few years Winnipeg will become a very large and prospercus city. Manitoba has also several large and flourishing towns within its limits, amongst which may be mentioned Emerson and West Lynn, on the International Boundary line; Morris, on the Red River ; Selkirk, in the vicinity of Lake Winnipeg ; Portagela-Prairie, about 60 miles above Winnipeg, on the Assiniboine; and further West, Gladstone. There are also the rising towns of Brandon, Rapid City, Minnedosa and Odanah, all of which are thriving places.

Having thus briefly sketched the general outline of the country to which we invite the attention of intending settlers and capitalists, we will now proceed to details.

The system of survey adopted by the Dominion Government for the Canadian North-West is as follows:—The whole country is divided into townships containing 36 sections of one mile square, or 640 acres in each section, together with road allowance of one chain and fifty links, or 116 feet in width between all townships and sections.

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The townships are numbered in regular order northerly from the International Boundary line or 49th Parallel of latitude, and lie in ranges numbered East and West from a certain Meridian line, drawn northerly from the said 49th parallel, from a point ten miles or thereabouts westerly from Pembina.

By this system a settler can take a map of the country, of which there are always copies in the land office, and find out at once the location of the spot where he desires to settle, and guided by the knowledge of the number of township and section, he can find out the survey stakes, and locate his land without any trouble.

In order however to assist the new comer still more, the Dominion Government have a staff of regularly organized Land Guides whose duty it is amongst other things to assist immigrants to settle on farms.

There is one piece of advice which we desire to tender those leaving their homes to take up lands in the North-West,-do not encumber yourselves with a lot of useless luggage. Above all things do not bring any of your old furniture, tools, &c. All you require is simply your clothing, and the less luggage you have the better it will be for you in every respect. Sell all your old things before you start, and come to the country free to travel anywhere without being tied down by a lumbering lot of useless articles which more than likely you will find unsuitable for your new home. You can buy everything you require on your arrival in the North-West, and will find it much cheaper to do so than to pay freight on old half worn out articles. Besides, you need only purchase, at first, just such articles as are absolutely necessary, until you are fairly established on your farm. It is, moreover, far better to purchase your agricultural implements on vour arrival in the North-West, as you will find them especially adapted for the work before you. Now let intending settlers note the advantage of coming to a country where every protection is offered them on their arrival, instead of, as unfortunately too often happens, being left a prey to every sharper that comes. One of the first questions asked by intending settlers is in regard to the terms on which they can procure lands in the new country, and on this point we refer our readers to the official information published by the Dominion Government. We may, however, state here that in order to find out choice locations, the Land Guides are furnished with all the necessary information for the benefit of settlers, and in addition to this, Land offices have been established, where the lands can be entered and thus secured, as soon as the location has been decided upon by the immigrant or purchaser, at the following named places :---

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Other offices it is expected, will be opened during the coming season to keep pace with settlement, but this fact can be easily ascertained on enquiry at the Head Office of the Land Department in Winnipeg; or at the Immigration offices at Winnipeg or Emerson. In addition to this, the settler can obtain the necessary information from the Land or the Immigration offices as to desirable locations open for settlement, so that he need not set out on his travels to the North-West without having some definite idea of where he will find a desirable spot on which to settle.

We will now proceed to give some of the peculiar features of this great country. In the first place, the climate is very favourable to the raising of grain and root crops. The spring commences early in April, and the weather, with very little exception, continues fine and dry till the latter part of May. From that time till the end of June it is generally wet, but July, August and September, with the exception of occasional thunder showers, are generally beautiful months, the weather being warm and pleasant. Winter commences in November, sometimes in the early part of the month, sometimes later, and lasts until March. The cold, although severe at times, is not so much felt as in the more southern and eastern parts of the continent, owing to the extreme dryness of the atmosphere, and, in fact, it is a common thing for settlers to describe the winter months in the North-West as the most enjoyable part of the year. lt is the season of recreation for the farmer, when amusement, conviviality and merriment are carried on between neighbours, and when the money comes in from the sale of their produce.

Seeding commences in April, and owing to the fact that the surface of the earth becomes dry and loose almost immediately after the disappearance of the snow, it is advisable for farmers to begin sowing as early as possible. The warm rays of the sun overhead, with the gradual melting

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of the frost in the earth below the seed, cause a degree of moisture which is extremely beneficial to the rapid growth of the crops. The harvest is in August, and the root crops are pulled at the latter end of September and in the month of October.

At this stage we would like to call attention to the fact that people paying flying visits to the North-West, are too apt to go away and report erroneous impressions in regard to the country. They spend a few weeks in it, and according to that short experience they report, either for or against its character. This is unfair, because in every country there are exceptional seasons, as for instance the Fall of 1880, in the North-West, which was a most unusual one, having been wet and disagreeable; but the writer of these pages having lived thirteen years in the country, can vouch for and is ready to substantiate what he says at any time, that the general weather in the North-West, from July to October, is dry, warm and pleasant, with the exception as already stated of occasional showers, which are more beneficial than otherwise for the growth of the crops.

As already stated, however, the object we have in view at present is to present unimpeachable evidence in support of what we write in regard to the North-West. For this reason the following named farmers who have settled in the country, who know from experience that what they say is the truth, have come forward of their own free will to endorse the many advantages it possesses for settlers; and they can be written to at any time in order that the truth of the statements contained in these pages may be verified :—

NAME IN FULL.	POST OFFICE ADDRESS.	NAME IN FULL.	POST OFFICE ADDRESS.
Benjamin Hartley John Dilworth, jr Hayward & Swain George Cadman W. Jackson Arch. Gillespie Wm. Eagles	High Bluff. Morris. High Bluff. High Bluff.	J. C. Higginson John Sutherland Allan Bell James Sturton Horace Bélanger Robert E. Mitchell	Kildonan, East. Portage-La-Prairie. Nelsonville. Cumberland House, N. W. T.

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NAME IN FULL.	POST OFFICE ADDRESS.	NAME IN FULL.	POST OFFICE ADDRESS.
William Moss Mathew Owens	High Bluff.	Francis Ogletree Thos. H. Brown	Portage-La-Prairie.
Mathew Owens	High Bluff.	Thos. H. Brown	Poplar Point Mat. W
James Stewart	Meadow Lea.	Geo. A. Tucker	Portage-La-Prairie.
John Ferguson	High Bluff.	Abram V. Becksted.,	Emerson.
James Airth	Stonewall.	Albert Chas. Harvey.	Poplar Point
Edward W. Johnson.	Springfield.	Geo. C. Hall	Portage-La-Prairie
Rupert Fisher	Cook's Creek.	Geo. C. Hall Davitt G. Lowe	St. Agathe
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Roht, Black	Bird's Hill.	W. B. Hall.	Headingly
James Armson	High Bluff.	Philip McKay	Portage La Droisie
Wm. Corbitt		Andrew Dryden	St Agethe
J. G. Rent	Cook's Creek		
G. Vesey Fitzgerald.	Bidgavilla	Geo. Turner J. Ed. Maley	
George Taylor	Poplar Doint Long	Androw Henhum	Emoran
Goorge Laytor	Lake.	Andrew Hepburn	Monrie
Walter Guerson		Jas. Laurie & Bro	Store Flort
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Frederick Bradley	Emerson.	James Fullerton	COOK'S Creek.
John Brydon	Portage-La-Prairie.	Alex. Polson	Kildonan.
Alex. McDonald	Stonewall.	Geo. Tidsbury	High Bluff.
Jas. Fleming	West Lynne.	Thos. B. Robinson Neil Henderson	Rockwood.
Arthur J. Moore	Nelsonville, Pembi-	Nell Henderson	Cook's Creek.
	na M.	Thos. H. Gillson	Scratching River.
Ben. J. Chubb	Nelsonville, Pembi-	Thos. Sigrous Thos. Sigrous, jr	Portage-La-Prairie.
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Simon Ballantyne Jno. Geddes	West Lynne.	James Munroe	Kildonan.
Ino. Geddes	Kildonan.	James T. Vidal	Headingly.
Wm. Green	St. Agathe.	Jno. Taylor Thos. Dayell, J.P	Headingly.
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Jno. Kelley Dugald Gillespie Robt. Adams	Morris.	Andrew Nelson	Stonewall.
Dugald Gillespie	Plympton.	Jas. Mathewson	Emerson.
Robt. Adams	High Bluff.	Jno. James Edwards.	
Alex. P. Stevenson	Nelsonville.	Robt. Sutherland	Portage-La-Prairie.
C. Erupson	West Lynne.	Gilbert Stranger	Poplar Point.
J. Appleyard	Stonewall.	Robt. A. Teasky	St. Agathe.
J. D. Stewart	Cook's Creek.	Wm. Hill	Woodlands.
Edward Scott	Portage-La-Prairie.	Wm. Allan Mann	Bird's Hill.
Edward Scott Jno. Smith Denys J. Knight	Westbourne.	Neil McLeod	Victoria.
Denys J. Knight	Ridgeville.	Frank Baker Allan	Stonewall.
Peter Ferguson	Gladstone.	James Davidson Henry Hodgson	High Bluff.
Chas. Logan	Portage-La-Prairie.	Henry Hodgson	Springfield.
Maxwell Wilton	High Bluff.	Alex. Adams	Clear Springs.
Jonathan Troop	Portage-La-Prairie.	Ed. Rochford	Poplar Point.
Andrew Dawson	Headingly.	Rev. Richd. Young.	South Lisgar.
Andrew Dawson Geo A. Perrin	Ridgeville.	J. M. Grover	St. Pie, Co. Proven
John Beggs	Morris.		cher.
	Scratching River	J. S. P. Coley	Ridgeville.
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A. D. Codenhead	Nelsonville.	Jno. Currie	Victoria.
A. D. Codenhead Adam Nelson	Nelsonville.	Jno. Currie Michael Ellison	Nelsonville.
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A. D. Codenhead Adam Nelson	Nelsonville. Green Ridge.	Jno. Currie	Nelsonville. St. Leon.

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NAME IN FULL.	POST OFFICE ADDRESS.	NAME IN FULL.	POST OFFICE ADDRESS.
	St. Agathe. Emerson. St. Agathe. Nelsonville. Springfield. Meadow Lea. Meadow Lea. High Bluff.	J. II. C. Hall Benjamin Bruce Wm. Start David Chalmers James Sinclair D. R. McDonald R. S. Jackson R. H. Palmer Mat. Ferris Mat. Ferris Mat. Owens, J.P Nelson Brown Robt. P. Bradley	Burnside. Poplar Point. Assiniboine. Clear Springs. St. Anne, Point DuC. Greenwood. Cook's Creek. St. Agathe. Cook's Creek. Ileadingly. Burnside. Clear Springs. High Bluff. High Bluff. St. Pie. Portage-La-Prairie. Aberon, N.W.T.

NAMES AND ADDRESSES OF FARMERS WHO TESTIFY RESPECTING THE COUNTRY.—Continued.

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One of the most desirable features in a country is to have a healthy climate. What matters to a man to have untold wealth and prosperity presented before him, if in order to enjoy them he has to jeopardise his own life and the lives of his family. He will rather go to a poorer country and enjoy good health. The North-West, however, is particularly favourable in this respect. Epidemics are not prevalent as in other countries, nor are there any diseases peculiar to the country. In Spring the weather is uniformly pleasant, the Summer warm with cool refreshing nights, and the Winter owing to the dryness of the atmosphere is particularly healthy and bracing.

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In support of the healthfulness of the climate we give the following evidence :---

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#### TESTIMONY RESPECTING THE CLIMATE.

Hayward & Swain	Morris	We have never had any sickness.
Geo. Cadman.	High Bluff	We have had very little sickness.
W Tackson	High Bluff	We have found the climate very healthy.
A Clillesmie	dingin Diul	We have found the climate very nesiting.
A. Gillespie	Greenwood	We have found the climate very healthy
Wm. Eagles	Stonewall	The climate is healthy; we have not had
		much sickness.
J. S. Higginson	Oskland	There has not been a case of sickness in
		my family for 6 years.
Jno. Sutherland	Kildonan East	The climate is exceedingly healthy.
Allan Ball	Portage La Prairie	We have enjoyed excellent health
Tag Straton	Nelsonville	We have enjoyed excellent health. I moved here for my family's health, and
Jas. Streton	1 0180H v 1110	t moved here for my isminy's health, and
	a	it has been good.
		I have found the climate very healthy.
Wm. Moss	High Bluff	We have found the climate tolerably
		healthy.
Mathew Owens	High Bluff	Generally speaking the climate is healthy.
James Stewart	Meadow Lea	My family has been healthy since I came
		here.
Ino Farmer	Uigh Dluff	
ADO. LALANIOU	anga prageneration	I consider Manitoba very healthy; no
		ague known.
James Airth	Stonewall	The climate is healthy; have had no
		sickness.
E. W. Johnston	Springfield	The climate is fairly healthy.
Robt. Fisher	Cook's Creek.	The climate is very healthy; have had no
		sickness.
T W. Adshand	St Charles	The climate is very healthy. The climate is very healthy.
Daht Diask	Diada II:11	The climate is very healthy.
NUDI. DIACK	Dird B fill	The climate is very nearing.
wm. Corbitt	Springneia	My family has been in excellent health. I find the climate healthy. The climate is very healthy.
J. G. Ruit	Cook's Creek	I find the climate healthy.
G. V. Fitzgerald	Ridgeville	The climate is very healthy.
Geo. Taylor.	Poplar Point	This is a healthy country. The climate is very healthy and my
W. Griesson	Meadow Lea	The climate is very healthy and my
		family, have good health.
Lange Casson	Emerson	I have found the climate very healthy.
Fred T Bredley	Emerson	None of my family have suffered from
Freu. 1. Brauley	Emerson	alimatic but needly all from horaditory
		climatic, but nearly all from hereditary
		disease.
Jno. Brydon	Portage-La-Prairie.	The climate is very healthy, no sickness
		of any account having occurred.
Alex. McDonald	Stonewall	The climate is very healthy.
Jas. Fleming	West Lynne	The climate is very healthy; had no sick-
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Arthur J. Moore	Nelsonville	The climate is very healthy; have had no
		sickness.
Den! T Obahl	NT. Laurentille	The climate is very healthy; have had no
Benj. J. Chubb	Nelsonville	The chunge is very nearchy; have had no
		sickness.
Simon Ballantyne	West Lynne	We have had perfect health since coming
		here.
Jno. Geddis	Kildonan	The climate is very healthy.
Wm. Green	St. Agathe	The climate is vory healthy.
A. MaDonald	Gladatona	The climate is very healthy.
Ino Kallar	Morrie	The climate is very healthy; we have had
D		no sickness. The climate is very healthy.
Dugala Gillespie	Plympton	The climate is very dealthy.
R. Adams	High Bluff	The climate is very heating, not much
		sickness.

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#### TESTIMONY RESPECTING THE CLIMATE.-Continued.

Alex. P. Stevenson	Nelsonville	Have had no sickness for seven years.	Jas. M
C. Empson	West Lynne	The climate is healthy.	J. S. V
J. Appleyard	Stonewall	The climate is healthy; my family have not suffered from sickness.	Jno. 7
J. D. Stewart	Cook's Creek	The climate is healtby; my family have not suffered from sickness.	Thos.
Ed. Scott.	Portage-La-Prairie.	We have had scarcely any sickness.	Benja
Jno. Smith	Westbourne	The climate is healthy; we have not had much sickness.	Andre
-	-	The climate is healthy; we have had no	James
P. Ferguson	Gladstone	My family have been very healthy. The climate is very healthy.	
Chas. Logan	Portage-La-Prairie	The climate is very healthy.	J. J.
Man. Wilton	High Blun	The climate is very healthy.	<b>n.1</b> 4
Jonathan Troon	Portage-La-Prairie	The climate is healthy, but hard on con-	Robt.
		sumpting patients	G. St
Andrew Dawson	Headingly	The olimate is very healthy; there is no sickness at all.	R.A. Wm.
Geo. A. Perrin	Ridgeville	The climate is very healthy; there is no	
		sickness at all.	W. A
Jno. Beggs	Morris	I have had good health since I have been	Neil
		here.	F. B.
A. D. Codenhead	Scratching River	The climate is very healthy.	F. D.
Adam Nelson, jr	Nelsonville	The climate is very healthy.	Tee
A. J. Hinker	Green Ridge	We have had excellent health.	Jas.
Rev. Thos. Scott	Westbourne	The country is decidedly good for repair-	
		ing health. The climate is healthy if properly clothed.	Henr
P. H. Brown	Poplar Point	The climate is healthy if properly clothed.	Jno.
Geo A Tucker	Portage-La-Prairie	The climate is healthy; had but little	Alex
UBO. A. IUCACI	I OI UNGO-MU I TUTTION	sickness.	Rev.
A B Beaksted	Emerson	I have no sickness, and gained 25 lbs. in	Rev.
A. D. Decasted	Emerson	weight.	J. S.
A C Hamon	Doulos Doint	The climate is healthy and free from any	Jno.
A. C. Harvey	Poplar Point	into climate is healthy and free from any	Mich
	D	sickness.	<b>W</b> .
	-	I find the climate healthy and have had no sickness.	
D G Lowe	St Agethe	The climate is exceedingly healthy	Jos.
A T Numont	West I ware	The climate is exceedingly healthy. My family has frequently suffered from colds	
A. J. Nugent	west Lynne	My family has frequently suffered from	Jno.
W D Hall	TT Al	The alimete is bealthe	Juliu
W. D. Hall	neadingly	colds. The climate is healthy. The climate is healthy; I have suffered no	
Fump Mokay	Fortage-La-Prairie.	The climate is healthy; I have suffered no	Cha
		sickness ; it is hard on consumptives. The climate is the healthiest in America.	Loui
Geo. Turner	Lower Fort	The climate is the healthiest in America.	
J. E. Maley	Morris	My family have not suffered from sickness.	E. 1
A. Hepburn	Emerson	The climate is healthy.	<b>w</b> .
C. Begg	Stone Fort	My family have not suffered from sickness. The climate is healthy. I have had a remarkably healthy experi-	
		ence of 47 years.	Rob
Jno. Hall	St. Anne, Pt. DuC	We have found the climate very healthy.	1.00
Angus Palson	Kildonan	The climate is healthy. I find the climate healthy here; have had	Tere
Geo. Tidsbury	High Bluff	I find the climate healthy here; have had	Jno.
•	5	no disease from change of climate.	A. N
Thos. B. Robinson	Rockwood	no disease from change of climate. I cannot complain of the climate in any	н. (
Neil Handemon	Cook's Greek	way. The climate is very healthy.	Geo
TTOIL TELLICON	Samtahing Dim-	The climate is very nealthy.	Jas.
The Simon	Bertage Te Decision	The climate is very healthy.	Geo.
1 HOS. SIGTOUS	rortage-La-Prairie	The climate is very healthy.	

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#### TESTIMONY RESPECTING THE CLIMATE .- Continued.

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т	Munro	Kildonan	The alimete is now booldby
3		Treedington	The climate is very healthy.
ĩ	S. VIGA1	Headingly	The climate is very healthy ; no sickness
		Headingly	The climate is very healthy; very little sickness in our family.
T	hos. Dobzeli	High Bluff	The climate is very healthy; my family have had measles.
B	enjamin Haitley	St. Charles	The climate is very healthy, my only sick ness being rheumatism.
A	ndrew Nelson		I have not suffered from sickness; the climate is healthy.
			I have not suffered from sickness; the climate is healthy.
			I was unhealthy when I left Ontario, but now am well and hearty.
H	tobt. Sutherland	Portage-La-Prairie	The climate is hoalthy.
G	. Staenged	Poplar Point	Sickness does not prevail much.
Ħ	A. Pesky	St. Agathe	The climate is healthy.
V	m. Hill	Woodlands	The olimate is healthy; there is no sick
V	V. A. Mann	Birds' Hill	The climate is quite healthy; few excep tions.
N	Teil McLeod	Victoria	The climate is quite healthy : only colds.
F	. B. Allan	Stonewall	The climate is very healthy; there is n sickness.
			I have had some sickness caused by drink ing bad water.
E	lenry Hodyson,	Springfield	The climate is very healthy.
J	no. Raser	Kildonan	The climate is very healthy.
Ā	lex. Adams.	Clearspring	
ĩ	ley. Ed Boohford	Poplar Point	We are healthier than in London.
ĥ	av Rich Voung	Lisaar	The climate is on the whole healthy.
ĥ	S D Caston	Didamille	The climate is on the whole heatiny.
4	. S. P. Costey	Magevine	The climate is very healthy; no sickness The climate is extremely healthy.
1	no. Currie	Victoria	The climate is extremely healthy. The climate is extremely healthy.
Ū	lichael Elison	Nelsonville	The climate is extremely healthy.
			The climate is very healthy; my children are well.
		Sunnyside	The climate is very healthy; my family has never been sick.
J	no. Hourie	St. Anne Nelsonville	The climate is extremely healthy.
			had no sickness for five years.
C	has. Stewart	Meadow Lea	The climate is healthy.
I	ouis Diensing	Emerson	The climate is healthy; only suffer from rheumatism.
F	. M. Maley	Morris	My family have not suffered from sickness
		Morris Headingly	doctor in the house but once in 10 years
			The climate is very healthy; had no serious sickness.
J	no. George	Nelsonville	The climate is very healthy.
A	. McPherson	Emerson.	The climate is very healthy. The climate is healthy.
E	I. C. Graham	Stonewall	The climate is healthy; have had no sick ness.
G	eo. Jenkins	St. Agathe	I have had no sickness.
Ţ	as. Redford	Emarson	The climate is extremely healthy.
õ	an Farrig	St Agetha	I have had no sickness.

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Edwin Burnelt	Nelsonville	I like the climate and have had no sickness.
S. J. Parsons	Springfield	I find the climate healthy.
D. McDougail	Meadow Lea	I consider the climate healthy; have had no sickness.
J. D. McEwan	Meadow Lea	I consider the climate healthy; have had no sickness.
		My family have had excellent health; been here nine years.
Jas Stewart	High Bluff	I have found the climate exceedingly healthy.
K. N. C. Hall	Scratching River	The climate is very healthy.
Benj. Bruce	Poplar Point	No sickness of any account has occurred.
Wm. Start	Assiniboine	The climate is very healthy; my family have not suffered from sickness.
Henry West	Clear Springs	I have found the climate very healthy.
		The climate is extremely healthy.
Jas. Sinetair	Greenwood	The climate is healthy.
		My family have had no sickness; no need for a doctor.
B. S. Jackson,	St. Agathe	I have found the climate very healthy.
B. H. Palmer	Cook's Creek	The climate is healthy.
		The climate is healthy.
Mathew Ferris,	Burnside	We have been very healthy since we came here.
J. W. Carleton	Clear Springs	I have had very little sickness.
Matthew Owens	High Bluff	Generally speaking the climate is healthy
Nelson Brown	High Bluff	The climate is very favourable.
R. P. Bradley	St. Pie	The climate is healthy.
Jno. McKinnon Jas. King J. McKin-	Portage-La-Prairie	I have found the climate very healthy.
		I have found the climate fairly healthy.
S. Stewart	Meadow Lea	So far I have found the climate very healthy.

#### TESTIMONY RESPECTING THE CLIMATE. - Continued.

There is a theory that the great fertility of the land in the North-West is due generally to three causes,—first, the droppings of birds and animals on the plains; second, the ashes left by the annual prairie fires, and third, the constant accumulation of decayed vegetable matter. When it is considered that great herds of buffalo and other game roamed for generations over the prairies; that wild fowl even to this day are plentiful, and that prairie fires have raged in the past, every year for many generations in the North-West, there seems to be some reason for this theory.

Whatever may have been the cause of the extreme richness of the land, however, there is one feature which is of great importance, and that is the depth of good soil in the prairie country. It has been frequently stated that the Th dicat grow nour from as ni

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depth of black loam in the North-West will range from one to four feet, and in some instances even deeper; but the statement has been received with a good deal of doubt. We propose producing testimony on this point, however, which cannot be gainsaid; but before doing so we will give an analysis of a sample of soil from the Canadian North-West, which, although published already on several occasions, may not have attracted the attention of some of our readers.

The analysis was made by Dr. Macadam at the Analytical Laboratory, Surgeon's Hall, Edinburgh, in 1876, and is as follows:—

Moisture		21.364
Organic matter containing nitrogen to ammonia, 23c	, equal	11.223
Saline matter,—		
Phosphates	0.472	
Carbonate of Lime	1.763	
Carbonate of Magnesia	0.937	
Alkaline Salts	1.273	
Oxide of Iron	3.115	
		7.560
Silicious matter,—		
Sand and Silica	51.721	
Ammonia	8 1 3 2	
		59.853
		100.000
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The large proportion of Silica in the above analysis' indicates that the soil is particularly well adapted to the growth of wheat. The black loam or mould thus pronounced so rich, rests on a tenacious clay for a depth of from one to four feet, and in some places the clay is as deep as ninety feet, as will be seen by the following testimony:—

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#### FARMERS' TESTIMONY RESPECTING THE SOIL.

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Benj. Hartley	St. Charles	Depth of black loam, from 16 to 20 inches.
Jno. Delworth	High Bluff	Depth of black loam, from 18 to 24 inches.
Hayward and Son	Morris	Depth of black loam, about 3 feet.
Geo. Cadman	High Bluff	Depth of black loam, about 15 inches.
W. Jackson	High Bluff	Depth of black loam, about 18 inches.
A. Gillespie		My farm is chiefly bush land; the soil is good
	Stonewall	Depth of black loam, 4 feet.
		Depth of black loam, 2 feet.
J. C. Higginson J. Sutherland	Kildonan East	Depth of black loam, from 3 to 10 feet.
Allen Kell	Danto no To Drainio	
Allan Bell		Depth of black loam, from 18 in. to 2 feet.
	Nelsonville	Depth of black loam, from 18 in. to 3 feet.
R. E. Mitchell	COOK'S Creek	Depth of black loam, from 6 in. to 3 feet.
Wm. Moss		Depth of black loam, about 2 feet.
Matthew Owens	High Blun	Depth of black loam, about 2 feet.
Jas. Stewart	Meadow Lea	Depth of black loam, from 1 to 3 feet.
Jno. Ferguson	High Bluff.	Depth of black loam, about 2ft. clay sub-soil
Jas. Airth		Depth of black loam, 18 inches.
E. W. Johnstone		Depth of black loam, from 3 to 5 feet.
Robt. Fisher		Depth of black loam, 1 foot.
J. W. Adshead		Depth of black loam, about 2 feet.
Robt. Black		Depth of black loam, from 2 to 3 feet.
Wm. Corbitt	Springfield	The black clay is from 1 to 3 feet.
J. G. Rent		Depth of black loam, from 2 to 3 feet.
G. V. Fitzgerald	Bigville	Depth of black loam, about 18 inches.
Geo. Taylor	Poplar Point	Depth of black loam, 18 inches.
W. Grierson	Meadow Lea	Depth of black loam, from 12 to 18 inches.
Isaac Casson	Emerson	Depth of black loam, 1 foot.
F. T. Bradley	Emerson	Depth of black loam, about 2 feet.
Jno. Bryden	Portage-La-Prairie	Depth of black loam, from 10 in. to 2 feet.
Alex. McDonald	Stonewall	Depth of black loam, 3 feet.
Jas. Fleming	West Lynne	Depth of black loam, 18 in. to 4 feet.
A. J. Moore	Nelsonville	Depth of black loam, about 3 feet.
<b>B.</b> J. Chubb	Nelsonville	Depth of black loam, from 12 to 20 inches.
S. Ballantyne	West Lynne	Depth of black loam, 6 inches.
J. Geddes	Kildonan	Depth of black loam, from 3 to 5 feet.
Wm. Greene	St. Agathe	Depth of black loam, 21 feet.
A. McDonald	Gladstone	Depth of black loam, from 1 to 4 feet.
Jno. Kelley		Depth of black loam, from 11 to 4 feet.
D. Gillespie	Plympton	Depth of black loam, about 4 feet.
Robert Adams	High Bluff	Depth of black loam, 3 feet.
Alex. P. Stevenson.	Nelsonville	Depth of black loam, 11 feet.
	Whynne	Depth of black loam, 18 inches.
J. Appleyard.	Stonewall	Depth of black loam, 18 inches.
J. D. Stewart.	Cook's Creek	Depth of black loam, about 2 feet.
Ed. Scott	Portage-La-Prairie	Depth of black loam, from 1 to 4 feet.
Jno. Smith	Westbourne	Depth of black loam, from 2 to 4 feet.
D. F. Knight	Ridgeville	Depth of black loam, from 1 to 5 feet.
- Ferguson.	Gladstone	Depth of black loam, from 3 to 4 feet.
Chas. Logan	Portage-La-Prairie	Depth of black loam, from 2 to 3 feet.
Max. Wilton	High Bluff	Depth of black loam, from 2 to 21 feet. ,
And. Dawson.	Headingly	Depth of black loam, from 2 to 3 feet; have
	8.7	found it 6 feet.
Geo. A. Perrin	Ridgeville	Depth of black loam, from 12 to 18 inches.
Jno. Begg.	Morris	I have dug deep cellar without coming to
		the bottom of the vegetable matter.
A.Westover	Morris.	Black loam, 2 to 3 feet; clay sub-soil, 90ft.

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#### FARMERS' TESTIMONY RESPECTING THE SOIL .- Continued.

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	bottom of the clay loam.
Adam Nelson	
A. J. Hinker	Green Ridge Depth of black loam, from 2 to 4 feet.
Rev. Thos. Cook	Westbourne Depth of black loam, about 1 foot.
Francis Ogletree	Portage-La-Prairie Depth of black loam, from 18 in. to 2 fee
Thos. Hy. Brow.	n Poplar Point Depth of black loam, from 18 in. to 2 fee
Geo A. Tucker	Portage-La Prairie Depth of black loam, from 12 to 18 inche
A. V. Becksted.	Emerson Depth of black loam, from 3 to 4 feet.
A. C. Harvey	Poplar Point Depth of black loam, from 18 in. to 2 fee
G. C. Hall	Portage-La-Prairie Depth of black loam, from 2 to 3 feet.
P. McKay	Portage-La-Prairie Depth of black loam, from 3 to 4 feet.
D. G. Lowe	St. Agathe Depth of black loam, from 3 to 4 feet.
A. J. Nugent	West Lynne Depth of black loam, from 4 to 5 feet.
W. B. Hall	Headingly Depth of black loam, from 6 to 15 inche
Geo. Turner	Lower Fort Depth of loam, from 1 to 11 feet.
J. G. Maley	Morris Depth of black loam, from 2 to 21 feet.
Andrew Hepbur	n Emerson Depth of black loam, 3 feet.
Chas. Begg	Lower Fort Depth of black loam, from 6 in. to 3 feet
Jno. Hall	St. Anne, Pt. Duchene Depth of black loam, from 3 to 4 feet.
Angus Polson	
Jas. Owens	St Anne, Pt. Duchene Depth of black loam, from 1 foot to 11.
Gardner Granby	High Bluff Depth of black loam, from 11 to 2 feet.
Jas. Fullerton	Cook's Creek Depth of black loam, 20 inches.
Alex. Polson. jr	Kildonan Depth of black loam, from 1 to 2 feet.
Geo. Tidsbury	High Bluff Depth of black loam, from 10 in. to 3 fee
F. B. Robinson.	Rockwood Depth of black loam, from 8 in. to 2 feet.
Neil Henderson	Cook's Creek Depth of black loam, from 1 foot to 21.
T. H. Gillison	Scratching River Depth of black loam, 14 inches.
Thos. Ligson	Portage-La-Prairie. Depth of black loam, 18 inches.
J. Munroe	
Jas. T. Vidal	Headingly
Jno. Taylor	Headingly Depth of black loam, about 6 inches.
Thos. Dazall	High Bluff Depth of black loam, from 3 to 4 feet.
Andrew Nelson.	
Jas. Mathewson	
J. J. Edwards	
Robt. Sutherland	
	Poplar Point Depth of black loam, about 18 inches.
R. A. Shesky	St. Agathe Depth of black loam, about 2 feet.
Wm. Hill	Woodlands Depth of black loam, from 12 to 18 inche
Wm. Allan Man	n Birds' Hill Depth of black loam, from 1 to 2 feet.
Neil McLeod	Victoria Depth of black loam, about 18 inches.
F. B. Allan	
Jas. Davidson	lligh Bluff Depth of black loam, 1 foot.
Henry Hodgson.	Springfield Depth of black loam, 4 feet.
Jno. Fraser	
Alay Adoms	Clear Springs Depth of black loam, 5 feet.
Ed Rochford R	ev Poplar Point Depth of black loam, 5 or 6 feet.
	Ridgeville
	Victoria
	Nelsonville
W Aluman	St. Leon Depth of black loam, 18 inches.
Tos Dodda	Sunnyside
JUS. DOGUS	SunnysideDepth of black loam, from 18 inches to feet.
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#### FARMERS' TESTIMONY RESPECTING THE SOIL .- Continued.

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Jpo. A. Lee High Bluff	
J. F. Galbraith Nelsonville	Depth of black loam, from 1 to 3 feet.
Chs. Stewart Meadow Lea.	
Louis Diensing Emerson	
E. M. Maley Morris	
W. A. Farmer Headingly	
Robt. Ball Rockwood	Depth of black loam, from 2 to 3 feet.
Jno. George Nelsonville	Depth of black loam, about 2 feet.
A. McPherson Emerson	
	Depth of black loam, from 18 inches to 2
	feet.
Geo Jenkins St. Agathe	Depth of black loam, from 12 to 18 inches.
Jas Bedford Emerson	
Pas, Deutoru,	loam.
Geo. Ferris	Depth of black loam, from 3 to 4 feet.
E. Burnell	Depth of black loam, from 2 to 4 feet.
S. I. Parsons	
D McDongall Meadow Lea	
J. D. McEwan Mendow Lea	Depth of black loam, 14 inches.
Jas. Whimster High Bluff	
James Stewart High Bluff	
	liver Depth of black loam, 6 to 15 inches.
	Depth of black loam, from 10 to 18 inches.
Ropi Bruce Poplar Pain	Doubt of bluck loam about 24 fast
Win Start Assiniboing	t Depth of black loam, about 2½ feet. 
Honry Woat Clear Spring	s
David Chalan St Anno Pt	D. C Depth of black loam, about 2 feet.
	Depth of black loam, from 12 to 18 inches.
D P MaDowall Cuck's Croal	Lepth of black loam, from 12 to 24 inches.
D. R. HEDOWEIL COOK'S CIEEL	Dopth of block loam, from 12 to 24 menes.
P H Dalman Cook's Crool	Depth of black loam, 4 feet.
P. Mussen, Headingly	s Depth of black loam, from 2 to 4 feet.
N Forming Dumpside	Depth of black loam, one foot.
The II (leaster Clean Suriage	Depth of black loam, about 2 feet.
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R. P. Brackey St. Pie	Depth of black loam, from 2 to 21 feet.
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non Uperon	Depth of black loam, from 1S to 24 inches.
Jas, Stewart Meadow Lea	Depth of black loam, from 1 to 3 feet.

Each of the above has stated the depth of the black loam as found in his particular neighborhood so that an average of 2 to 4 feet is correct.

It has frequently been stated that the farmers in the North-West do not use manure on the land, but this is not the case in every instance. There appears to be a diversity of opinion on the subject, as will be seen by the following statements made by the farmers themselves. While in many cases it may be unnecessary and even injurious to the advisa there i has yi particl The fo interes countr

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A.J. Mo Jno. Ke D. Gille Robt. A to the crops of grain to manure the land, in others it may be advisable, owing to the land being not quite so rich, but there is one instance in the Parish of Kildonan, where a field has yielded wheat for fifty consecutive years, without a particle of manure ever having been placed on the land. The following opinion of Farmers on the subject may be interesting as well as instructive to settlers, coming to the country :—

#### FARMERS' TESTIMONY RESPECTING MANURE.

Inc. Dilmonth	Jich Dluff	I manured some land last fall and it has
		done well.
Hayward & Co	Morris	We have not yet used manure.
Geo. Cadman I	High Bluff	I have used some manure to get it outof
	-8	the way.
W. Jackson	ligh Bluff	I have not yet used manure.
A. Gillespie	Freenwood	I use all the manure I have.
Wm. Egles	Stonewall	I do not use manure.
S. C. Higginson (	Oakland	I never use manure. I use very little manure. I have not used much manure yet.
J. Sutherland	Kildonan East	I use very little manure.
Allan Bell	Portage-La-Prairie.	I have not used much manure vet.
Jas. Stuto	Nelsonville	I have not yet used manure, but shall use
		what I have on the farm.
Robt. E. Mitchell	Cook's Creek	I have used manure in some cases, and
		found it helped the land.
Matthew Owens	High Bluff	The land has no need of manure.
Jas. Stewart	Meadow Lea	I have only manured land for vegetables
Jno. Ferguson	High Bluff	My land does not require manure, but i
_		should be saved.
Jas. Airth	Stonewall	I put manure on the land to get it out o
		the way.
E. W. Johnston	Springfield	I have not yet used manure.
R. Fisher	Cook's Creek	I have not yet used manure. I use manure when I have time to put i
W. J.Adshead	St. Charles	I use manure on my farm,
Robt. Black	Bird's Hill	I have used manure to get it out of th
		way.
Wm. Corbett	Springfield	I use manure to some extent. I use manure and the crops are better.
J. G. Rent	Cook's Creek	. I use manure and the crops are better.
G. V. Fitzgerald	Ridgeville	, 1 do not use manure.
Geo. Taylor	Poplar Point	I do not use manure ; there is no use for i I have not yet used manure.
W. Grierson	Meadow Lea	. I have not yet used manure.
		I have not yet used manure, but inten doing so.
F. J Bradley	Emerson	I use manure for smudges.
Jno.Brydon	Portage-La-Prairie.	I have not yet used manure.
Alex. McDonald	Stonewall	. I have not yet used manure.
Jas. Fleming	West Lynne	Manure is not required; it makes crop
		run to straw.
A. J. Moore	Nelsonville	I never use manure.
Jno. Kelly	Morris	I do not use manure.
D. Gillespie	Plympton	. I do not use manure.
Robt. Adams	High Bluff	. I have never used manure, but think
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#### FARMERS' TESTIMONY RESPECTING MANURE.-Continued.

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Alex T Stevenson	Nelsonville	I do not use manure
Rani T Chubh	Nelsonville	I never use manure
S. Ballantyne	West Lynne	I have not used manure, but think it good
		for gardens.
Jno. Geddes	Kildonan	I only use manure for root crops.
Wm. Green	St. Agathe	I do not use manure, but think it good to
		retain moisture.
A. McDonald	Gladstone	I do not use manure.
C. Empson	West Lynne	Manure does good.
J. Appleyard	Stonewall	t use manure and find it improves the crops.
J. D. Stewart	Cook's Creek	I use manure on my farm.
Ed. Scott	Portage-La-Prairie	I do not use manure, I burn the straw.
Jno. Smith	Westbourn	I use manure on my farm. I do not use manure at present. I use mar.ure and find it bonoficial.
D. F. Knight	Cladatono	I use manure and find it honefaiol
Ches Logan	Portage-La-Preisio	I only use a little for the garden.
Max Wilton	High Bluff	I do not use manure.
Ino. Troop	Portage-La-Prairie	I have put a little manure on one field.
Andrew Dawson	Headingly	I only use manure for the garden.
G. A. Perin	Ridgeville	I do not use manure.
Jno. Beggs	Morris	Manure can be used to advantage.
A. D. Cadenhead	Scratching River	I have not vet used manure.
Adam Nelsen	Nelsonville	I have not yet used manure.
A. J. Hinker	Green Ridge	I have not yet used manure. I use manure on the poorer places.
Rev. Thos. Cook	Westbourn	We use manure if necessary, but seldom done.
		I use manure when I can find time to get it out.
Thos. Hy. Brown	Poplar Point	I do not use manure.
Geo. A. Tucker	Portage-La-Prairie	I do not use manure.
A. V. Beckstead	Emerson	The ground is rich enough without manure.
A. C. Harvey	Poplar Point.	I have never used manure.
Geo. U. Hail	Portage-La-Prairie	I have never used manure.
D. G. LOWO	West Lunne	I do not use manure. It breeds weeds. I use manure on my farm.
W D Hall	Headingly	I use manure on my farm.
Dhilin Makaw	Portage La-Drainie	I use all the manure I have. I used manure on wheat land with good
rump menay	i or tago-ma-r ranne.	results.
Geo. Turner	Lower Fort	I use manure in the garden with good re- sults.
J. E. Malev	Morris	I do not use manure.
Andrew Hepburn	Emerson	i do not use manure.
Chas. Begg	Lower Fort	I have used manure for the last 20 years.
Jno. Hall	. St. Anne	I have tried manure and it has done very well.
Angus Polson	Kildonan	I use very little manure.
Geo. Tidsbury	Iligh Bluff	I spread manure on the fields every fall.
T. B. Robinson	Rockwood	I have not yet used manure.
Neil Henderson	. Cook's Creek	There is no necessity for using manure.
T. II. Ellison	. Scratching River	Manure improves the soil.
Thos. Sigrous	. Portage-La-Prairie .	.I have used all my manure with good re- sults.
Jas. Munro <b>e</b> Jas. Vidal	. Kildonan . Headingly	I do not use manure, but it does good. Manure is very productive of weeds, and makes the grain rank; should be used little.
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#### FARMERS' TESTIMONY RESPECTING MANURE. - Continued.

Ino Taylor	Headingly	I use manure on my farm.
The Doroll	Uigh Dluff	They wan use we muse the lend is strong
		I never use manure, the land is strong enough without it.
And. Nelson	Stonewall	I never use manure, the land is strong enough without it.
Jas. Mathewson	Emerson	Manure is not necessary.
		Manure is not necessary and will not be
J. J. 140 Maras	Lopiar Lonacontin	for sometime.
R. Sutherland	Portage-La-Prairie	I have never used manure.
Gilbert Stranger	Poplar Point	I do not uso manure.
Robt. A. Tesky	St. Agathe	I do not use manure, but believe it good
		for land.
Wm. Hill	Woodlands	I use all the manure I can get.
		I do not use manure.
		I have not yet used manure.
		I do not use manure.
J. Davidson	High Bluff	I do not use manure.
		I do not use manure.
Jno. Fraser	Kildonan	I use manure on my farm.
Alex Adams	Clear Springs	I use all the manure I have.
		I do not use manure yet, it is not needed.
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Wood for building and fencing purposes is a matter of great importance in a prairie country, and in this respect the Canadian North-West is peculiarly favoured.

Although there are sections where wood is scarce, as a general rule there is a well regulated supply throughout the country. As we have already stated the plains abound with wood in clumps; and in other parts there are tracts of forest so evenly interspersed that farmers can generally obtain a good wood lot in close proximity to their prairie farms, bosides which the numercus rivers are invariably lined with wood on each bank.

Settlers coming to the country will bear this in mind and ask for the particulars to enable them to locate not only a good wood lot, but also one suitable for tree planting. The Immigration Agents or Land Guides will give them the necessary information to enable them to make a proper selection. Elder, Oak, Elm, Maple, hard and soft, and Basswood may be planted, and will grow successfully, but Cotton Wood, Poplar and Willow will grow very rapidly, and for ordinary purposes on a farm they are most useful. The following descriptions of woods are found in the Canadian North-West : Oak, White and Red Cedar, Birch, Poplar, Spruce, White Ash, Cotton Wood, Tamarack, Cherry, White

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weeds, and uld be used Willow, Balsam, Ash, Maple, Pine, Elm, and Box Elder, the latter being very valuable, as it is coming into use extensively, for the purpose of wood engraving. In order, however, to show that wood is not scarce we publish the following testimony on the subject :--

#### TESTIMONY OF SETTLERS RESPECTING WOOD AND FUEL.

eni. Hartley	St. Charles	We have no difficulty in obtaining stove
		wood. We use wire for fencing as it is
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no. Dilworth	High Blun	I get all within a quarter of a mile.
ayward, D. S	Moir's	We have enough for present use.
eo. Cadnam	High Blun	We have plenty of timber five miles away. We have no difficulty whatever in obtain-
		ing wood.
. Gillespie	Greenwood	There is plenty on the farm.
m. Eagles	Stonewall	I have no difficulty in obtaining wood.
C. Higginson	Oakland	I can get plenty of wood and fencing but
		have a long way to draw it.
o. Sutherland	Kildonan	No difficulty whatever in obtaining wood.
mes Stirton	Nelsonville	I am within easy distance of Poplar.
E. Mitchell	Cook's Creek	Good oak timber close at hand.
m. Moss	High Bluff	No difficulty in obtaining wood.
atthew Owens	High Bluff	No difficulty in obtaining wood. I live about 5 miles from my wood lot but.
		experience no difficulty in obtaining it.
s. Stewart	Meadow Lea	I have nlenty of wood handy.
o. Ferguson	High Bhuff	I have 100 acres of good wood on my farm. There is plenty of wood for all purposes on
s. Airth	Stonewall	There is plenty of wood for all purposes on
		my farm.
W. Johnston	Springfield	I have not much difficulty in obtaining
	-	wood, considering I have no wood lot.
bt. Fisher	Cook's Creek	I have no difficulty in obtaining wood.
W. Adshead	St. Charles	I raft firewood and building timber, but
		have rails on my lot.
P. Black	Birds' Hill	Wood is not very easily obtained, but I
		have never been cold for the want of it.
m. Corbett	Springfield	I have no difficulty in obtaining wood.
C. Rent	Cook's Creek	I have any amount of wood within half a
		mile of my farm.
V. Fitzgerald	Ridgeville	I have no difficulty in obtaining wood.
0. Taylor	Poplar Point	Wood can be got but not very conveniently.
m. Grierson	Meadow Lea	I have no difficulty in obtaining wood.
ao Casson	Green Ridge	I have no difficulty in obtaining wood.
T. Bradley	Emerson	I reside upon the prairie and have no
		wood, but have no difficulty in procur-
		ing it.
10. B <b>rydon</b>	Prairie Lea	There is plenty of good poplar at a distance
		of about 7 miles.
McDonald	Stonewall	I have no difficulty in obtaining wood.
s. fleming	W. Lynne	I have plenty of frewood, but building
		timber is scaree.
J. Moore	Nelsonville	I have fifty acres of good oak wood.
McDonald	Gladstone	I have no difficulty in obtaining wood.
o. Kelley	Morris	I have plenty of wood.
Gillespie	Plympton	I have no difficulty in obtaining wood.
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### TESTIMONY OF SETTLERS RESPECTING WOOD AND FUEL .- Continued. "

	Robt. Adams	High Bluff	I have plenty of wood on my lot both for
	A. P. Stevenson	Nelsonville	building and firewood. I have 100 acres of wood.
	C. Bupson	Whynne	I have 50 acres of bush. I use wire fencing.
	J. Appleyard	Stonewall	I have plenty of stove wood and building,
	J. D. Stewart	Cook's Creek	&c. I have no difficulty as I am on a wood lot.
	E. Scott Jno. Smith	Westbourn	
	D. F. Knight		elm, &c. We have plenty of stove wood, but little for fencing.
	P. Ferguson	Gladstone	Wood is plentiful.
			I have no difficulty at present in obtaining wood except for building.
	M. Wilson	High Bluff	I have plenty of wood three miles off.
	J. Troop	Portage-La-Prairie	Have had no difficulty as yet.
	Kich. Young	South Lisgar	There is plenty of wood in the vicinity.
	J. S. P. Cosley	Ridgeville	I have plenty of wood on my half section.
	J. Currie		I have no difficulty in obtaining wood.
	M. Ellison	Nelsonville	I have plenty of timber on my farm.
İ.			I have any quantity of poplar or oak.
		St. Anne	Building and other timber is near my place.
		-	Have no trouble in getting wood, although it is on the opposite side of the river.
	J Galbraith	Nelsonville	We have no trouble in getting wood.
	Chas Stewart	Meadow Lea	We go nine miles for our wood.
	L. Densing	Emerson .	I have no difficulty in getting wood.
			Firewood is fairly abundant, building and fencing timber scarce, wire used for fencing.
			I have plenty of fence and firewood. Building timber is scarce.
	Jno. George	Nelsonville	I have a considerable amount of timber of my farm.
	A. McPherson		I have not much difficulty in getting weed as mine is a river lot.
	H. C. Graham		1 have wood and rails on my farm and a wood lot 5 miles distant.
	George Jenkins		I have plenty of wood.
	James Bedford	Emerson	I have no difficulty in getting wood.
and the second	Geo. Ferris	St. Agathe	We fence with wire, we have had no scar- city of wood as yet, and we expect coal shortly.
	E. Burnell	Nelsonville	I have a 20 acre wood lot 41 miles away.
1 11 11 11 11 11 11 11 11 11 11 11 11 1	S. J. Parsons	Springfield	I have some difficulty in getting wood, as I have to haul about 15 miles.
	D. McDougald	Meadow Lea	1 have no difficulty in getting wood.
	J. McEwan	Meadow Lea	There is an abundance of wood 3 miles away.
	Jas. Winster	High Bluff	I have not much difficulty in getting it.
No.	Jas. Stewart	High Bluff	There is plenty of timber at a reasonable distance from here.
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## TESTIMONY OF SETTLERS RESPECTING WOOD AND FUEL.-Continued.

R. Bell.	Burnaide	Have had no difficulty up to the present
		time I am traing wire fenging
B Bruce	Poplar Point	There is plonty of wood at 60 ots, per cord. I have no difficulty in getting wood. I have no difficulty in getting wood. There is abundance of timber near.
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WILL SLUFT	Class Sectors	There is plotty of wood at oo ols. per cord.
Henry West	Clear Springs	I have no dimensity in getting wood.
David Chalner	St. Anne, Pt. D. C	There is abundance of timber near.
Jas. Sinclair	Greenwood	I have no difficulty in getting wood. I have 50 acres of bush.
D. R. McDonall	Cook's Creek	I have 50 acres of bush.
R. H. Palmer	Cook's Creek	I have plenty of wood. I have plenty of wood. Building timber scarce, plenty yet for
Robt. Morgan	Headingly	I have plenty of wood.
M. Ferrig	Burnside	Building timber scarce planty yet for
M. 101110	Dulusiue	noile and framend
T III (la altera	all and a strength	rails and firewood.
J. W. Carlton	Clear Springs	Plenty of wood for all purposes.
w. Owens	High Bluff	Plenty of wood for all purposes. I live five miles from my wood lot, but
		experience no difficulty.
R. Brown	High Bluff	experience no difficulty. I have a river lot and nearly 100 acres of
		hardwood.
R. P. Bradley	St. Die	We have vory little trouble in getting
		mood those is planter on Dod Dimer
T M TT'-	D D	wood, there is plenty on Red River.
J. McKinnon	Portage-La-Prairie	I have abundance of poplar wood.
J. King	Oberon	I have no difficulty in getting wood.
Jas. Stewart	Meadow Lea	I have no difficulty in getting wood. I have no difficulty in getting wood. I have never had any difficulty in obtain-
A. Dawson	Headingly	I have never had any difficulty in obtain-
		ing wood.
J Berry	Morris	1 have had no difficulty in obtaining wood
A. DORR	1401118	Thus for
A. D. C. 1. 1. 1	a	thus far.
A. D. Uadenhead	poratoning River	I have had no difficulty as yet in obtain-
		ing wood.
A. Nelson, sr	Nelsonville	I have wood lots within three miles. I have had no difficulty whatever in get-
A. J. Henker	Green Bridge	I have had no difficulty whatever in get-
		ting all the wood I want.
Thos Cook	Westbourne	Wood is searce
I Oglatuan	Dontomo T - Desist-	Ne difficulty in obtaining mood
J. Ugietree	Fortage-La-Prairie	No difficulty in obtaining wood.
U. A. Tucker	Portage-La-Prairie	I have little difficulty in obtaining wood.
A. V. Becksted	Emerson	In some places wood is scarce, in others
		plentiful.
J. C. Hall	Portage-La-Prairie	I have enough wood for present use on
		my claim.
D G Lowe	St Agethe	Wood is scarce and has to be hauled from
J. J. LUWD	Br. Againe	Wood is coarde and has to be hadled irons
		a distance.
A. J. Nugent	W. Lynne	I have not much difficulty in obtaining
		wood.
W. B. Hall	Headingly	I have no difficulty in obtaining wood.
Philip McKav	Portage-La-Prairie	I have no difficulty whatever in obtaining
P		wood.
Geo Turner	Lowen Bo-t	A good supply of wood for fire and fencing,
Geo. Turner	LOWER FOIL	
<i>a</i> : <b>b</b>		but not much for building purposes.
Chas. Begg	Lower Fort	I have plenty of fencing and firewood,
		huilding logs are few.
John Hall	St. Anne	I have plenty of wood for all purposes.
Angus Polson	Kildonan	I have to draw wood ten miles, but do not
THEIR TOTOLI	121100110111111111111111111111111111111	
Tere Orange	Gi Anna Di D. C	consider it too far.
Jas. Owens	St. Anne, Pt. D. C	I have been in the country 21 years, and
		had no difficulty in getting wood.
G. Granby	High Bluff	We can get plenty of wood at a distance
•		from three to five miles.
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## TESTIMONY OF SETTLERS RESPECTING WOOD AND FUEL .- Continued.

Jas. Fullerton	Cook's Creek	I have no difficulty in obtaining wood.
A Poleon in	Kildonan	I have no difficulty in obtaining wood.
a Tidahurr	Hish Dinff	I have no difficulty in obtaining wood.
G. Liusbury	uign Diag	I have no almoulty in obtaining wood, I
T T D.H.	D	haul it from Assinib. five miles distant.
T. J. Rooinson	ROOKWOOD	I have no difficulty in obtaining wood, I
		have some on my farm and more five
		miles distant.
Mat. Henderson	Cook's Creek	I have no difficulty in obtaining wood.
T. Sigsons	Portage-La Prairie	I have plenty of firewood, other timber is
		scarce.
Jas. Munroe	Kildonan	I have no difficulty in obtaining wood.
John Taylor	Headingly	We raft down our wood and rails about 20
		miles.
Thos. Dalzell	High Bluff	We have plenty of timber for all purposes.
A. Nelson	Stonewall	I have no difficulty in getting wood.
		I have no difficulty in getting wood.
T I Edwards	Duplan Deint	I have no difficulty the getting wood.
0. 0. 121Walasin	ropial rolle	I have no difficulty, there is plenty of wood within three or four miles.
D. Suthanland	Dunto un La Duntata	Within three or four miles.
D. Sutherland	Fortage La Prairie	I have no difficulty in getting wood.
G. Stanger	Poplar Point	I have to draw wood about five or six miles.
W. Hill	Woodlands	I have no difficulty in getting wood.
W. A. Mann	Birds' Hill	I have wood in abundance.
Neil McLeod	Victoria	I have no difficulty in getting wood.
<b>F. B.</b> Allan	Stonewall	Wood for building is scarce.
Jas. Davidson	High Bluff	I have no difficulty in getting wood.
H. Hodgson	Springfield.	I have no difficulty in getting wood, and
		do not anticipate any.
John Racer	Kildonan	I have no difficulty in getting wood. Wire
		makes a good substitute for rails.
A. Adams.	Clear Strings	Wo have an unlimited supply of wood.
	Poplar Point	We have no difficulty in getting wood.
LOT 12, LOUIDIU	s optar routerman	no mayo no unnearty in Rotting wood.

From the above it will be seen that on the whole there is not much difficulty in obtaining sufficient wood for the purposes of the farm.

A supply of good water is an indispensable necessity to the farmer, not only for household purposes, but also for stock. The Canadian North-West has not only numerous rivers and creeks, but also a very large number of lakes and lakelets throughout the whole country, and it has now been ascertained definitely that good water can be obtained almost anywhere throughout the territory by means of wells. Professor Macoun, who has explored the greater portion of the North-West, declares that in a large portion of the Territory he has travelled over, good water can be had by digging a little depth. The following statements of farmers will give some idea of the means used by settlers for obtaining a supply of water :

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## TESTIMONY OF SETTLERS RESPECTING WATER SUPPLY.

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B. Hartley       St. Charles.       I bave a clear water spring.         Jno. Dilworth       High Bluff       There is a good supply of water by digging: twelve feet.         Hayward & S       Morris       Our farms front on the Red River.         See. Cadman
Hayward & SMorrisWeive feet.Beo. Cadman
<ul> <li>Geo. Cadman</li></ul>
<ul> <li>Itigh Bluff</li></ul>
<ul> <li>V. Jackson</li></ul>
Gillespie
Ym. Eagles       Stonewall       By drilling the rock we obtained good water.         C. Higginson       Oakland       I get the very best of water by digging seven feet.         no. Sutherland       Kildonan, E       I get the very best of water by digging seven feet.         no. Sutherland       Fortage-La-Prairie       Excellent water can be obtained by digging.         ilan Bell       Portage-La-Prairie       Excellent water can be obtained by digging.         i. E. Mitchell       Nelsonville       A spring creek runs through my land—at 15 feet water is good.         Ym. Moss       Higb Bluff.*t.       I have a never-failing supply of water at a depth of 14 feet.
C. Higginson       Oakland       I get the very best of water by digging seven feet.         no. Sutherland       Kildonan, E       Well and river water is abundant at all seasons.         no. Sutherland       Portage-La-Prairie       Excellent water can be obtained by digging 14 feet.         ns. Stirton       Nelsonville       A spring creek runs through my land—at 15 feet water is good.         m. Moss       Higb Blufft.       I have a never-failing supply of water at a depth of 14 feet.
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Ilan Bell       Portage-La-Prairie       Excellent water can be obtained by digging.         Ass. Stirton       Nelsonville       If feet.         Ass. Stirton       Nelsonville       A spring creek runs through my land—at 15 feet water is good.         F. Mitchell       Cook's Creek
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Owens
nes Stewart Meadow Lea I have found good water at the depth of sixteen feet.
s. Ferguson High Bluff I have found good water at a depth of twelve feet, and have a lake for the cattle.
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W. Johnston Springfield I have good surface water standing six or eight feet deep, and spring water 25 feet deep
Fisher Cook's Creek By digging I obtained a supply of good water.
W. Adshead St. Charles The river water is good and there are springs on the creek.
BlackBird's Hill I have a good well and running water nearly all the summer.
Corbett Springfield I have a good supply of water.
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V. Fitzgerald Ridgeville
aylor Poplar Point
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T. Bradley Emerson
feet.
McDonald Stonewall An abundance of water from well at depth of 20 feet.
s. Fleming West Lynne

#### TESTIMONY OF SETTLERS RESPECTING WATER UPPLY.- ntinued.

#### ------A. J. Moore ...... Nelsonville ........... Good water can be had from wells four feet deep. B. J. Chubb .......... Nelsonville ...... Wat r for stock in a ravine, and for how ehold purposes from eight to twelve feet. S. Ballantyne ...... West Lynne ...... Good water can be got at from a depth of ten to lifteen feet. what I get from a well is good Gladstone ...... Abundance of water in wells; excellent A. McDonald. water in ravines. R. Adams ...... High Bluff ...... I have plenty of good water in my well. A. P. Stevenson .... Nelsonville ...... A creek runs through my farm. J. Appleyard .......... Stonewall ...... I can get plenty of water at 20 feet. Edward Scott. ....... Portage-La-Prairie .. I have good water in a well seven feet deep farm. to fifteen feet. P. Ferguson.. ....... Gladstone ...... I obtain good water from a running stream. C. Logan ..... Portage-La-Prairie ... I obtain good water at a depth of fifteen feet. Max Wilson....... High Bluff ...... I obtain good water at a depth of nine feet. John Troop ..... Portage-La-Prairie .. I obtain good water at a depth of 10 feet. And. Dawson ........ Headingly ...... The Assiniboine River passes within 50 yards of my door. good water. A. D. Cadenhead ..... Scratching River ..... I get drinking water from a well; the River Marais gives good water for the cattle. A. Nelson, Sr........ Nelsonville ..... ... I get very good drinking water from a well 14 feet deep. A. J. Hunker ...... Green Ridge... ........ I got very good drinking water from a well 12 feet deep. R. J. Cook ...... Westbourne ...... I have good water and plenty of it. F. Ogietree ...... Portage-La-Prairie .. 1 can get plenty of good water by digging 16 feet. Cattle are supplied from river. T. H. Graham ....... Poplar Point. ...... My farm is on an arm of the Long Lake. Geo. A. Tucker ...... Portage-La-Prairie .. My water is good, I have to dig from 12 to 18 feet. A. V. Beckstead ...... Emerson ........ I have good water from a well 18 feet deep. A. C. Harvey ....... Poplar Point. ........ A good supply of water can be had from 20 to 40 feet. creek. D. P. Lowe ........... St. Agathe ............ I get good tasting water from Red River, but it is muddy.

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## TESTIMONY OF SETTLERS RESPECTING WATER SUPPLY .-- Continued

Geo. Turner		I have a good supply of water from a well
And. Hepburn	Lower Fort	14 feet deep. I can obtain a good supply of water from the river and there are good springs.
Chas. Begg	Emerson	I get water from the river and well. River water is mostly used, there are some-
Jno. Hall	St. Anne, Pt. D. C	springs, and a few wells of good water. I have a well of good water at a depth of 20 feet.
Angus Polson	Kildonan	I have a good supply of water by boring 24 feet.
James Owen	St. Anne, Pt. D. C	I have a good stream of running water at my door.
6. Granby	lligh Bluff	Good water can be got at a depth of 12 <sup>-</sup> feet.
Jus. Fullerton	Cook's Creek	Good water can be got from a well
A. Polson		food water can be got from a well thirty feet deep.
Geo. Tidsbury	High Bluff	Good water can be got at the depth of 14 feet from a well, but no springs
T. B. Robinson	Rockwood	My water is obtained from wells, one of which is obtained through sinking into limestone.
Nell Henderson	Cook's Creek	The well water is fairly good and plen- tiful.
Thos. Sigsons Jas. Munroe	Portage-La-Prairie . Kildonan	I get good water by digging 12 feet. Good water can be obtained by digging wells.
Jas. Vidal Jno. Tsylor	lleadingly Headingly	The water of the Assiniboine River is good. The River Assiniboine is in front of the farm.
Thos. Daizell	High Bluff	Splendid water can be got at a depth of from 12 to 14 feet.
Amb. Wilson	Stonewall	Splendid water can be got from a depth of from 16 to 20 feet.
W. Mathewson J. J. Edwards	Emerson Poplar Point	I have a good supply of spring water. A creek runs through my farm with a depth of three or four feet of water.
R. Sutherland	Portage-La-Prairie	We get plenty of good water from 12 to 15 feet deep.
4. Stranger	Poplar Point	We get plenty of good water at a depth of 12 feet.
R. A. Teskey	St. Agathe	I get my supply from the Red River.
Wm. Hill	Woodlands	I have good spring water at a depth of eight feet.
		I have two never failing springs on my farm.
		I have a well of good water at a depth of 16 feet.
F. B. Allan		A good supply of water is obtained by drilling 25 feet in the rock.
Jas. Davidson H	High Bluff	Water can be got at a depth of 12 feet
	Springfield	Water can be got at a depth from 32 to 40 feet deep.
John Fraser	Kildonan	Water can be got from a depth of 72 feet: deep.

#### TESTIMONY OF SETTLERS RESPECTING WATER SUPPLY .- Continued.

Rev. Mr. Young ...... South Lisgar ...... We get our water from the river J. S. P. Cosley ....... Ridgeville. ...... Water can be got at a depth from 10 to 15. feet. by digging a well John A. Lee ......... High Bluff ...... Good water can be obtained at a depth of 10 feet. J. F. Galbraith ...... Nelsonville ..... I have three wells at a depth of five feet, nine feet and eleven fuet. Charles Stewart ....... Meadow Lea.......... Good water can be got at a depth of 23 feet. water is pure, clear and sweet. W. H. Farmer ....... Hendingly ...... We use river water. R. Bell...... Rockwood ...... We dug 17 feet, struck upon rock; the water is plentiful and good. John George ........ Nelsonville ............ Good water can be got in any season by: digging five feet. rock, and then drilling. water. Red River in front of it. also a spring for winter and summer. D. McDougald ....... Meadow Lea..... 1 have plenty of good water from a well 10. feet deep. Jas. D. McEwan ..... Meadow Lea......... 1 have plenty of good water from a well 17 feet deep. Jas. Whinster ...... High Bluff ...... I have plenty of good water from a well 12 to 14 feet deep. 12 feet deep. II. H. C. Hall ......... Scratching River ...... I get fairly good water from the creek. water can be got at a depth of 12 feet. Benj. Bruce ...... Poplar Point ..... I have a good well. 16 feet. Jas. Sinclair..... Greenwood...... A good supply of water can be got by digging. D. R. MoDowell ...... Cook's Creek .......... A good supply of water can be got by digging from 7 to 12 feet. R. S. Jackson. ......... St. Agathe ...... Good water can be got from the river and a spring. R. H. Palmer. ........ Cook's Creek .... There is good water on my farm in a spring 10 feet deep.

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TESTIMONY OF SETTLERS RESPECTING WATER SUPPLY .- Continued.

Robt Morgan	Headingly	Very good water can be obtainedvery easily.
Matthew Ferris	Burnside	easily. Very good water at 8 feet.
John W. Carleton	Clear Spring	I have a good spring within 50 rods of my house.
M. Owens	High Bluff	Good water can be got at 10 feet.
		Good water can be got at 12 feet.
R. P. Bradly	St. Pie	Good water can be got at 10 feet.
		We have a creek of good spring water.
		Water can be got at a depth of 20 feet.
Jas. Stewart.	Meadow Lea	Good water can be got by digging 16 feet

The Prairie hay of the Canadian North-West has already become famous and its nutritious qualities are acknowledged on all sides. In fact stock-raising will, in the near future rival the production of grain in the fertile belt. The Eastern base of the Rocky Mountains, and the Peace River District, especially, will become great fields for graziers to carry on an immense business in cattle, the wild grass in those localities being even of better quality than that found on the plains. There are between forty and fifty different varieties of grasses, sedges and legumes in the North Western prairies.

The first point a farmer would note about them is the abundance of the foliage of nearly all the species While the grasses of Eastern Canada are nearly all culm or stem, having most of them, only one, two or three leaves, most of the North Western grasses have ten or twenty leaves. Of course this is an extremely valuable feature in grass, as the leaves are more easily digested than the culms.

The culms are exceedingly fine in the prairie grass, and this again would strike a farmer as indicating a good quality of grass. Add to this that there are in some species such an abundance of seeds, as to make the fodder partake of the nature of a feed of grain, and it will be seen that the tales about the readiness with which stock will fatten on prairie hay are not overdrawn. It may be interesting to enumerate a few of the grasses found in the North-Westthe brown top or cedar grass is one of the most valuable kinds and has fine stem with abundant foliage, and there are several species of red top very nutritious.

The pea grass, a kind of vetch, affords good pasturage for stock in winter, and then there is the beaver hay, muchsuperior to the grass of the same name, found in Eastern Canada. The Scotch grass is a favourite hay in the North-West, and the Upland hay found on the prairie is of very fine quality.

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nd ies ike the on tble ere Then there are the following grasses: bone, blue, buffaloblue joint, sedge hay, colony hay, June grass, bush and wheat grass, as well as numerous other varieties, the greater portion of them being nutritious, and some of them, very beautiful in appearance.

The luxuriance of the prairie grasses in the North-West<sub>a</sub> is a sure indication of the gréat fertility of the soil, and in order to show the abundance of hay, possessed by the settlers, we append the following evidence on the subject<sub>a</sub> from resident farmers:

B. Hartley	St. Charles	Hay is very plentiful, we shall have about 150 tons for sale almost equal to
		timothy.
I Dilmonth	High Bluff	Wild hay is a little scarce here, but
<b>9</b> . Diiworth	nigh blut	timothy does well.
Hayward & 3	Morris	There is plenty of hay of the best quality.
W. Jackson	High Bluff	There is plenty of hay of good quality, and we can grow all the timothy we-
		want.
		There is plenty of hay of good quality, and near at hand.
Jas. Sturton	Nelsonville	I have a 20 acre hay meadow, which will
		yield from 4 to 5 tons per acre.
W. E. Mitchell	Cook's Creek	There is a large quantity of hay of very good quality.
Wm. Moss	High Bluff.	Hay is quite near and of good quality.
Jas. Owens	High Bluff	There is plenty of hay on the High Prairie and the quality is good.
Jas. Stewart	Meadow Lea	There is plenty of hay of the very best
		ouality.
Jno. Ferguson		I have 50 acres of good hay land which grows grass of first quality.
Jas. Airth	Stonewall	I have thousands of tons of the best hay as
		good as timothy.
E. W. Johnston	Springfield	Hay is in abundance and of splendid quality.
J. W. Adshead	St. Charles	. I have hay in any quantity.
R. Black	(Bird's Bill	I have hav of best quality in abundance.
Wm. Corbett	Springfield	. Hay is in abundance and of good quality.
G. V. Fitzgerald	Ridgeville	There is any amount of good hay.
G. Taylor	Poplar Point	. There is wild hay of the very best quality.
W. Grierson	Meadow Lea	. I have hay in abundance and of good
		quality.

TESTIMONY OF SETTLERS RESPECTING GRASSES AND HAY

# TESTIMONY OF SETTLERS RESPECTING GRASSES AND HAY .- Continued.

- 1		I have plenty of good hay two miles dis- tant.
A. McDonald	Stonewail	I have plenty of good hay close by in a swamp meadow.
A. J. Moore	Nelsonville	I have plenty of good hay and have cut 50 tons this year.
B. J. Chubb	Nelsonville	I have abundance of hay and of first class quality.
Simon Ballantyne	West Lynne	All farms here have hay for their own use and to spare.
Robt. Adams	High Bluff	There is plenty of hay on my farm.
A. P. Steven: on	Nelsonvil!e	Hay is in abundance and of good quality.
C. Empson	W. Lynne	We have plenty of wild hay and timothy.
		We have plenty of wild hay and timothy. We have plenty of hay, it is of good qua- lity.
		Hay is plentiful, cattle and horses do wet on it.
Ino. Smith	Westbourne	I have abundance of hay of different kinds
P. Ferguson	Gladstone	Hay is plentiful and of good quality.
Chas Logan	Portage-La-Prairie	I have had plenty of good hay.
Max. Wilton	High Bluff	There is plenty of hay of best quality of
Ind Domes	TT	my land. I have abundance of good hay at a distance
And. Dawson	Headingly	
1 A Donnin	Didmonille.	of one mile. Hay is in abundance and very good.
A. D. Cadanhaad	Sanatahing Diver	Hay is in abundance and very good.
A Nelson in	Nelsonwille	Hay is good and abundant.
A. J. Hinker	Graanridge	I obtain all the bay I require on my farm There is any amount of hay and that o
	diooninge	the very best.
Rev. Thos. Cook	Westboarne	There is any amount of good hay.
F. Ogletree	Portage-La-Prairie	There is plenty of good hay within three miles and timethy can be grown
Thos. H. Brown	Poplar Point	There is abundance of hay of good quality
A. V. Beckstead	Eulerson	Any where on the prairie there is good hav.
A. C. Harvey	Poplar Point	There is abundance of hay of good quality
G. C. Hall	Portage-La-Prairie	on my property. There is abundance of good hay.
D. P. LOWE	St. Agathe	Thousands of tons of hav.
W. B. Hall	Headingly	I can get any quantity of good hay.
		I can get any quantity of good hay. Hay is plentiful, and almost equal in quality to cultivated hay.
Turner	Lower Fort	Hay is in abundance and of good quality There is plenty of hay of good quality.
Angua Dolaan	St. Anne, Pt. D. C	There is plenty of hay of good quality.
Angus roison	Lich Die	Hay is in abundance and of good quality
		Timothy can be raised and wild hay is t be found near. There is hay of the very best quality
		principally ravine hav.
		Hay has been plentiful and of the ver best quality
Alex. Poison, jr	Kildonan	Hay is in abundance and of good quality
T. B. Robinson	Rockwood	Hay is in abundance and of good quality
T. H. Alleson	St Agathe	There is plenty of good hay.
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Jas. Munroe	Kildonan	Hay is in abundance and of good quality Hay is in abundance and of good quality

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# TESTIMONY OF SETTLERS RESPECTING GRASSES AND HAY .- Continued ....

Jas. Mathewson	Smerson	There is plenty of the best hay.
		There is plenty of splendid hay to be get at present.
Robt Sutherland	Portage-La-Prairio	Hay is in abundance of the best quality.
Robt. A. Teskey	St Agathe	Any amount of good hay can be obtained
	Woodlands	The hay is of splendid quality and in any
Wm. A. Mann	Bird's Hill	I have more hay of good quality than %
West McLeod	Victoria	can cut. Hay is good in quality and quantity.
F. B. Alinn.	Stone wall	I had abundance of hay this year
James Davidson	High Bluff	There is plenty of hay and of the base quality.
John Fraser	Kildonan	In ordinary seasons, hay is plentiful and
Alox. Adams	Clear Springs	There is plenty of hav of good anality
E. Rochford	Poplar Point	There is plenty of hay of good quality. There is plenty of excellent hay for all the winter The yield of hay is at times larger than is
John Currie	Victoria	Hay is in abundance and of good quality
W. Ellison	Nelsonville	They is in abundance and of good quality. The hay is very good and plentiful on they form.
W Arlmer	St Loop	Hay is in abundance and of good quality.
John A. Lee	High Bluff	I have plenty of hay; could out 50 tons
J. J. Galbraith	Nelsonville	on my farm. Have obtained good hay at a distance of from 1 to 3 miles.
Chas. Stewart	Meadow J.ea	Hay is in abundance and of splendid qua-
Louis Diencing	Emersor	Tax is plentiful and very room.
E. M. Maloy.	Morris	Hay is in abundance and of good quality.
		Hay is in abundance and of good quality. There is more wild hay than is required; some farmers grow timothy.
Robert Bell	Rockwood	Hay is in shundance and of good quality.
George Jenkins	St. Agathe	Hay is in abundance and of good quality. There is plenty of good hay.
James Redford.	Emerson	Hav is in shundance and of good anality
George Ferris	St Aguthe	Hay is plentiful and of excellent quality.
E. Barnell	Nelsonville	Hay is rather scarce but of good quality.
S I Parsons	Suringfield	Hay is in abundance and of good quality
D. McDougall	Meadow Lea	Hay is in abandance and of good quality. Hay is plentiful and of excellent quality. Itay is rather scarce but of good quality. Hay is in abundance and of good quality. There is any amount of prairie hay of best quality.
J. D. McEwan	Meadow Lea	Hay is in abundance and of the best qua-   lity.
		During late wet we have had abundance of hay here.
James Stewart	High Bluff	Hay is in abundance and of the best quality.
R. H. C. Hall.	Serutching River	Hay is plentiful and very good
Robert Bell	Burneide	We can get good hay close to ps
B. Bruce	Poplar Point	We can get good hay close to us. I can get all the hay I require, and that of the best kind.
Wm Start	Assiniboire	Hay is in ahundance and of good analism
D. Chalmers	St. Anne, Pt. D. C.	Hay is in abundance and of good quality. Hay is in abundance and said to be equate to timothy for cattle.
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TESTIMONY OF SETTLERS RESPECTING GRASSES AND HAY .- Continued.

Jos. Siuclair	Greenwood	Hay is in abundance and of good quality.
D. R. McDowell	Cook's Creek	There is any quantity of the best hay.
R. G. Jackson	St. Agathe	Hay is in abundance and of good quality.
Robert Morgan	Headingly	Hay is very good and easily obtained.
M. Ferris	Burnsido	Hay is plentiful and of good quality.
Matthew Owens	High Bluff	There is plenty of hay on the High Prairie
		and the oright is good.
R. P. Bradley	St. Pie	There is plenty of hay close at hand, and
•		of superior quality.
John McKinnon	Portage-La-Prairie	There is abundance of hay and the quality
		is good.
James King	Oberon	Hay is a little searce, but of good quality.
		Hay is in abundance and of good quality.

While dealing with the question of stock raising, it may the well to refer to the effect produced on cattle by the cold during the winter months; it has been found by experience that the winters of the Canadian North-West, owing to the dryness of the atmosphere, are really less trying to cattle than in more southern latitudes.

It is a well known fact that the old settlers were in the habit of leaving their horses out all the winter, on the prairie to feed on the grass, which they uncovered by digging away the snow with their fore feet.

Cattle and horses ought to be properly stabled, especially during the night, and if this is done, and the feeding properly attended to, they will thrive well. In support of this we give a few out of the many testimonies which we have received on the subject.

Bonj. Hartley	St. Charles	Animals do not suffer so much here as in
		England.
A. Gillespie	'Freenwilden	Animals do well here in winter
S. C. Higginson	Oakland	The winters are dry; animals do not suffer from cold.
John Sutherland	Kildonan, E	The winter is less severe on animals than in more southern latitudes.
Adam Bell	Portage-La-Prairie	Animals turn out well in the spring.
James Sturton	Nelsonville	Climate being dryer, animals stand cold better than in Ontario.
John Ferguson	High Bluff	If cattle are well cared for, they thrive, as , the climate is dry.
S. W. Johnston	Springfield	The winter is not soverer than in Ontario.
S. Ballantyne	West Lynne	Although last winter was exceptionally cold, cattle wintered well.

TESTIMONY OF SETTLERS RESPECTING COLD ON CATTLE.

# TESTIMONY OF SETTLERS RESPECTING COLD ON CATTLE .- Continued.

John Beggs	Morris	I have known young cattle to winter at the straw pile
		The winter is not severe on animals ; nativa- ponies winter out.
Thos. Sigsons	Portage-La-Prairie	The winters being dry and frosty, they are favorable to cattle; they est their food well.
Thos. Dalzeil	High Bluff	The winter is not so hard on cattle here age in Ontorio, as there is no rain or sleet be- freeze on them.
W. A. Mann		Cattle do better here in a cold steady win- ter than a changeable one.
John Fraser	Kildonan	The winter, though cold, is uniform, and therefore not unfavourable to animals,
W. A. Farmer	Headingly	The winter is not severe on animals; they are remarkably healthy.
H. C. Graham	Stonewall	The dryuess of the atmosphere neutralizes the cold.
James Stewart	High Bluff	Stock will be as fat in the spring as in Ontario and Quebec.
D. Chaimers	St. Anne Pt. D. C	The winter is less severe on animals here than in Ontario.
Matthew Ferris	Burnside	The winter not much severer here on ani- mals than in Ontàrio.
J. W Carelton M. Owens	Clear Springs High Bluff	Animals thrive well in the cold season. The winters here are less severe on cattle than in Ontorio.
Nelson Brown	High Bluff	The winters here have about the same effects on animals as in Ontario.
John McKinnon James Stewart	Portage-La-Prairie Meadow Lea	Cattle thrive well in winter if property fed. Young cattle grow all the winter when warmly stabled and fed on wild hay.

It may also be interesting for intending settlers to know how the farmers of the North-West winter their cattle, and for this reason, we give a few instances:

#### TESTIMONY OF SETTLERS RESPECTING WINTERING OF CAT C.

W. Jackson	High Bluff	I stable my cattle at night and let them run in the yard during the day.
S. C. Higginson	Oakland	I winter my cattle in much the same way as in Outario.
		I house my cattle and feed them on hay and they are in good condition in the spring.
Robt Fisher	Cook's Creek	I house the cattle warmly and feed them on hay with an occasional feed of salt.
A. J. Moore	Nelsonville	I feed the cattle on with hay and turn the steers and young stock loose in the straw- stacks.

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Jno. Geddes	Kildonan	Cows are kept in the stable and other cattle fed in the yard on hay and straw and stabled at night.
A. McDonald	Gladstone	I stable cows and working cattle and the young stock run loose around the straw stacks.
		The cows are stabled and the young cattle run out all the winter.
		I stable my cows and allow my young cattle to run around the straw stacks.
Bardner Granby	High Bluff	I feed my cattle on wild hay and turn them out to the straw stacks in the day time.
And. Nelson	Stonewall	I stable my cattle and feed them on prairie hay.
		I stable my cattle, my native ponies are out.
		I stable my cattle in a flat roof log build- ing with straw on the top.
Ino. George	Nelsonville	I feed my cattle on hay, turnips or grain are required if straw is used.
S. MoPherson	Emerson	I keep my cattle stabled, from December to the end of March.
		We stable our cows and oxen and let the young cattle run out in sheds
Robt. Morgan	Headingly	I keep my cattle in stables during the winter.
		I keep the cows and calves in stables, the rest run around the straw stacks most of the winter.
	•	I keep my cattle in warm stables, giving them plenty of hay and water.
Nelson Brown	High Bluff	I feed my cattle in a yard on native hay and stable them.

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The story of summer frosts in the North Western territory, has long since been exploded. Of course, in this respect there are occasional exceptions, as in other countries, but any farmer can make himself perfectly secure from loss, by taking care to sow his seed as early as possible in the spring.

The dryness of the air to a great degree tends to prevent summer frosts, of a nature to injure crops. We would refer our readers to any of the settlers whose names and address, we have already given to prove that no damage of any importance has been suffered from this cause.

The Canadian North-West is specially favored in freedom from storms, and while we hear of hurricanes devastating

whole districts in other portions of the American continent, such things are almost unknown north of the 49th parallel of latitude.

There has not been a case of crops having been destroyed by storms in this country for many years, and in winter we do not have the severe snow storms so frequently experienced to the south of us.

The country is certainly blessed in this respect, and although the cold is sometimes intense, the weather is generally calm and clear when it is so.

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Another blessing so far enjoyed by the farmers of the North Western territory of Canada is the freedom from blight, worms or insects, which in other parts of the continent have been so destructive to crops.

Potatoes and other roots and vegetables, as will be seen by the following statement, yield splendid crops, and the quality first class: One property of the potatoes grown in this country is that the largest sized specimen is invariably found to be mealy to the very core Their prolific yield is certainly remarkable "Early rose" and "Snow-flakes" have so far been the favourite varieties with our farmers, some of the specimens weighing as high as 5 and 6 pounds to the potato.

The great advantage possessed by prairie over wooded country is the ease with which it can be turned to agricultural purposes. The land has only to be broken to yield a fair crop, and the second year it is in good condition. This, when compared with the toil of years required to clear a wood farm, is of no small consequence to a new settler.

Recently, it has been discovered by successful experiments, that seeds sown on the prairie grass and then ploughed lightly, will yield good crops the same season. This is a most important discovery, as it shows that an immigrant arriving on his claim in the spring can begin to realize a return from his labours almost as quickly as if the land had already been cultivated and improved. The following is an account of the experiments made in this respect, and they will be found worthy the consideration of every farmer contemplating the "breaking" of new lands.

An experiment in raising grain on fresh sod has been tried in the vicinity of Big Stone Lake for the past two seasons with such marked success, that it is worthy of extensive trials. We are not informed who the first experimenter was, but at any rate, in the vicinity of Big Stone City, there are farmers so confident of success that they have put in considerable quantities of small grain in the fresh sod the past season, and in every case, so far as we could learn, with the most beneficial result. The novelty of the operation is that the grain is first sown on the prairie grass, and then the "breaking" is done. A not very heavy sod is turned, and the grain buried quickly finds its way through. In a few weeks the sod is as rotten as need be. and can be kicked to pieces easily with the foot. Now for an illustration.-Mr. Daly, near Big Stone City, in the vicinity of Big Stone Lake, sowed 10 acres of oats in this way last year :- He put two bushels and a peck to the acre, and broke his land. Last fall, from ten acres he harvested 420 bushels of oats which were worth sufficient to pay for the breaking, and leave him some seventy-five dollars besides. This year he sowed 75 acres in this way with equally good success, the yield, according to estimate, as he had not threshed when we were there, not being less than 1000 bushels on the piece. Another gentleman near him, sowed buckwheat in the latter part of May in the same way, and has every promise of a magnificent crop. Another tried corn, droping a few kernels in every fourth furrow. Wheat has not been tried, but will be another year. It has been found that grain can be sowed on the prairie early and the sod rotted as readily as if sowed in June, as the growing crop shades it, and but little grass starts. Thisis a valuable discovery and will be worth much to new beginners who, thus far, with the exception of potatoes, have not expected anything before the second year. It will be of value also to larger farmers who are obliged to go to a. heavy outlay each year for breaking, for the oat crop not only pays for the labor, but leaves a good margin besides. It is an experiment certainly worth a trial.

The immigrant settling in a new country, will understand the value of this discovery, which will enable him to realize sufficient for his expenses the first year, and perhaps will enable him to place a sum of money aside for future use. The new settler when he arrives in the Benj

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country ought to locate his farm with as little delay as possible; and then set to work, to break as much land as possible, for the ensuing year's seeding. If he should be in time to sow on the sod, as already described, by all means let him do so, but if not he should break as much as possible for cultivation the following year. He and his family can very well camp out in tents during the summer, and in the fall there will be plenty of time to erect a warm house and stables for the winter. There appears to be a diversity of opinion amongst farmers, as to the best kind of seed to sow the second season, and therefore for the information of immigrants, we give the following as the experience of actual settlers in the North-West:

#### TESTIMONY OF SETTLERS RESPECTING CROPS.

Benj. Hartley	St. Charles	A fair crop can be obtained the second summer, oats or barley should be sown.
J. Dilworth jr	High Bluff	A fine crop can be obtained the next
	-	year after breaking, wheat or oats
F. F. Bradley	Emerson	should be sown. A crop can be obtained the first season.
e. r. bladicy		but I would recommend no seeding of any kind till the following spring.
Alex. McDonald	Stonewall	I have raised 60 bushels per acre of oats
		on breaking done in June, and sown early the following spring.
Jas. Fleming	West Lynne	Break in June and sow wheat or oats the
		following spring.
Salmon Ballantyne	West Lynne	Good oats can be grown on early spring
D. F. Knight	Emerson	breaking Oats do well on the sod, after the second
		plowing any kind of grass may be sown.
		A fair crop can be obtained the following spring, sow any kind of grain.
	High Bluff	Break the land in June and turn it back in the fall.
		A man can break in the spring and have a good crop of wheat or oats the same year.
		Oats may be sown on the breaking, wheat the second year.
		Break from first of June to the 15th of July, sow wheat following spring.
F. H. Brown		Land broken 1st June and to 15th July would give a good crop of wheat the next year.
A. C. Harvey	Poplar Point	I have only had potatoes on first break- ing.
Geo. C. Hall	Portage-La-Prairie	A fair crop may be obtained the first year; after breaking sow oats first.

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J. E. Maley	. Morris	Half a crop may be obtained the first year of wheat and oats.
Angus Polson	. Kildonan	of wheat and oats. A fair crop of oats can be got on the breaking.
Neil Henderson	Cook's Creek	The land plowed in the spring and sown with oats will average 30 bushels per acre.
		A fair crop of oats can be obtained from the first plowing, wheat from the second plowing
Thos. Sigsons	. Portage-La-Prairie	Land broken in June is fit for a crop of oats the following season.
Jas. Vidal	Headingly	A fair crop of wheat may be obtained the following year.
		A fair crop of wheat or any other grain may be obtained the summer after breaking.
F. B. Allan	Stonewall	I have grown good wheat the first year after breaking.
	-	A fair crop may be obtained the year after breaking, sow Fife wheat.
		Land should be broken shallow and turned
Jno. Houris	St Anne	Oats do best on first breaking, wheat on the second.
W. A. Farmer	Headingly	Wheat may be sown the following spring, land broken in June.
R. Bell	Rockwood	I have grown wheat and oats on the first breaking.
		Some years oats can be raised on breaking, a very good crop, but a better crop assured the second year
Geo. Ferris	St. Agathe	I have raised 125 bush to the acre of oate
Wm. Start	Assiniboine	I have a good crop on this year's break- ing.
Henry West	Clear Springs	Land should be broken in June and sown with wheat next spring.

The question has frequently been raised as to whether fall wheat can be grown in the Canada North-West, and from experiments made, it is doubtful if it can be cultivated successfully. The slight depth of snow on the prairie is against the culture of this description of grain, although a great many farmers here are of opinion that it can be grown.

The following are a few of the statements pro and conof farmers who have made experiments in this respect:

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#### TESTIMONY OF SETTLERS RESPECTING GROWTH OF FALL WHEAT.

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R. P. Bradley	St. Pie	I sowed a little last fall and it looks well.
Robt. Bell	Burnside	I have tried a little fall wheat and it did
Jno. W. Lee	High Bluff	well. Wheat when sown late in a shady place
		will de well.
Rev. T. Cook	Westbourne	A heavy crop will be the result of wheat
Fred. T. Bradley	Emerson	sown in the full. I have tried fall wheat, but cannot recom-
		i mend its culture
Wm. Corbett	Springfield Kildonan	I have tried fall wheat but it was a fullure. I have tried fall wheat but without success,
		the autumn is too dry as a rule.
D. Chalmers	St. Anne, Pt. D. C	Have seen good fall wheat raised by my
A V Backstand	Emorson	neighbours. Fall, wheat is killed in winter as there is
		not enough snow to cover the ground.
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In addition to the above statements, we have the opinion of twenty-two farmers living in the country, that fall wheat can be grown successfully, and some seven others who are of a contrary belief, while over one hundred state that they never gave it a trial. That fall wheat has been grown in the Canadian North-West is a fact, but whether it will be ever extensively cultivated remains to be proved. So long, however, as farmers can get from 30 to 40 bushels of spring wheat per acre, there is not-much likelihood that they will give much attention to fall sowing.

The practicability of raising corn in the Canadian North-West has also been discussed and a variety of opinions offered on the subject.

There is no doubt this country is essentially wheat producing, but the following statements prove conclusively that corn can also be grown successfully:

# TESTIMONY OF SETTLERS RESPECTING GROWTE OF INDIAN CORN.

J. Dilworth	High Bluff	I have raised corn successfully.
John Sutherland	Kildonan	I have yellow (or small) corn for the last
		forty years.
Allan Bell	Portage-La-Prairie	I have raised corn successfully.
Wm. Moss	High Bluff	Corn does very well.
R. Black	Bird's Hill	I have raised corp successfully.
E. W. Johnson	Springfield	Corn that I have raised does well.
Wm. Corbett	Springfield	I have successfully raised corn every year
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#### TESTIMONY OF SETTLERS RESPECTING GROWTH OF INDIAN CORN.—Continued

		Corn grows well.
	Emerson	I have raised corn successfully.
J. Brydon	Portage-La Prairie	I have raised a small variety of corn.
J. Fleming	West Lynne	I have never tried corn, but my neighbours have raised good corn-
B. J. Chubb	Nelsonville	I have raised corn successfully
		I have raised corn successfully.
P. Fergusor	Gladstone	I ave raised coru with marked success.
A. Perrim		I have raised corn successfully,
J. Beggs	Morris	I success.
A. J. Hinker	Greeuridge	I have raised corn that will give 40 bushels to the acre.
Rev. J. Cook	Westbourne	I have raised corn successfully.
D. J. Lowe	St Agathe	I have raised excellent corn.
		I have raised corn successfully.
		I have raised corn successfully.
		I have raised corn successfully for the house, and large crops sown broadcast for feed.
Ney, Bunderson	Cook's Creek	I have raised corn successfully.
T. H. Ellison	Seratching River	Corn grows fast, some years averaging fourteen inches.
Jas. Munroe	Kildonan	I have raised corn successfully.
T. Dalzell	High, Bluff	I have never raised any corn, but have seen it successfully done.
J. J. Edwards	Poplar Point	I have raised corn successfully.
Neil McLeed	Victoria	I have raised corn successfully.
Jno. Fraser	Kildonan	I have raised corn successfully.
Rev. E. Kochford	Poplar Point	Good corn is successfully raised.
J. Currie	Victoria	I have raised corn suc essfully.
D. McDougald	Meadow Lea	Corn does very well.
Benj. Bruco	Poplar Point.	I have raised very good corp.
Wm. Start	Assiniboine	I have raised corn successfully.
D. Chalmer	St. Anne, Pt. D. C	I have raised very good corn.
D. R. McDowell	Cook's Creek	I have raised corn successfully.
Robt. Morgan	Headingly	Corn grows well.

It has been admitted by competent judges that the wheat grown in the North-West is of the finest quality, and as we will presently show the yield is much greater than in any other part of America. This is of the greatest importance to the farmer especially when taken in connection with the fact that there is always a ready market for his produce at fair prices.

There is another point, however, which makes this country a very desirable one for agriculturists, and it is this. While the wheat producing belt of country in this continent is narrowing gradually year by year and the

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this it is this d the limit extending more and more northward, the Canadian North-West on account of its great depth of good rich soil, is likely to become in the near future the principal granary in North America. We have already shown the extreme richness and durability of the soil, and in addition to this the climate is peculiarly favourable for the cultivation of wheat, owing to the dryness of ripening and harvesting seasons.

Mr. J. W. Taylor, American Consul at Winnipeg, is the authority for the following statement—that three-fourths of the great wheat producing belt of the continent lie north of the international boundary and within the Canadian North-West.

In regard to the quality of the wheat, we cannot do better than to quote the following from the *Pioneer Press*, of Saint Paul, Minnesota, certainly a most disinterested authority. It says in its issue of November 8, 1880:

"It seems to be a settled fact that the further north "wheat is grown, up to a certain limit, the better it is \* \* \* \* \* \* \* \* \* \* \* \* "The future great wheat region of the world will un-"doubtedly be in the rich and far famed valley of the "Saskatchewan, where this grain grows to perfection, not "only in quality, but in every other particular.

"The berry obtains an amber color, rounds out into a "fullness it does not attain here, and is rich in gluten, the "life sustaining principle of flour. \* \* \* \*

"Some two or three years ago, samples were procured "from several parts of the province of Manitoba for trial "The best of this was placed in the hands of some of our "leading wheat-growers for cultivation One variety of "Scotch Fife yielded the first year at the rate of 37 bushelss "to the acre, of a hard amber color, which the wheat "inspector for the Millers' Association at Minneapolis, pro-"nounced the finest specimen he had seen since he had "been connected with the association.

"Straw stood up stiff and strong, some of it being over "five feet high, the heads were long, while the color of the "growing grain was superb."

There have been various statements made in regard to the average yield of wheat per acre in the Canadian North West, by some it has been placed at 40, others at 30 and some at 25 bushels. We have, however, received returns from over one hundred farmers in the country for the last four years, and this will give our readers a very good insight of what the general yield is. Where the average is below 20 bushels, it must be remembered that the cause is generally newly broken land, or some misfortune to the crop.

The following returns are given by some of the most respectable farmers in the North-West, and may, therefore, be looked upon as reliable :

# TESTIMONY OF FARMERS AS TO THE YIELD OF WHEAT PER ACRE.

NAME.	ADDRESS.	Yield	Yield	Yield	Yield per acre	Average
IN A M 16.	ADDRESS.	1877.	1878.	1879.	1880.	per bashel.
Benj. Hartley	St. Charles			20		
Jao. Dilworth	High Bluff	25	20	23	25	61
Hayward & Sons	Morris		20	25	30	62
Beo. Cadman	High Bluff	30	28	25	40	60
W. Jackson	High Bluff	25	30	30	25	62
A. Gillespio		37	40	38		64
W. Eagles	Stonewall	25	20	24	25	65
S. C. Higginson	Oakland	25	29	26	30	624
. Sutherland	Kildonan E	25	23	34	30	63
McLane	Portage-La-P	20	35	35	30	64
as. Stirton	Nelsonville		00		40	04
I. Bellenger	Cumberland H	•••••	• ••••••	35		•••••
B. E. Mitchell	Cook's Creek	33	20	16	40 20	
Vul. Moss						66
	lligh Bluff	35	35	35	40	60
V. Owens	High Bluff	30	32	35	37	64
	High Bluff	30	32	31	30	61
	Stonewall	28	20	20	30	63
R. Fisher	Cook's Creek	25	25	22	30	64
. W. Adshead	St. Charles	25	25	25	35	63
lobt. Black	Bird's Hill	30	<b>2</b> 8	22	35	62
as. Arnison	High Bluff	35	34	3 <b>2</b>	35	62
Vm. Corbett	Springfield	35	30	31	50	63
. G. Rent	Cook's Creek	15	21	18		64
. V. Fitzgerald	Ridgeville			40	45	63
. Taylor		25	25	30	35	66
	Meadow Les			••	35	
	Emerson		12	14	25	62
	Portage-La-P	31	33	30	. '30	62
	Stonewall	01	55	28	25	62
	West Lynne.		••••	20	25	60
J. Moore	Nelsonville		24	23	23	61
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TESTIMONY	OF	FARMERS AS	то	THE	YIELD	OF	WHEAT	PER
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NAME.	Address.	Yield per acre 1877.	Yield per acre 1878.	Yield per acre 1879.	Yield per acre 1880.	Average weight per bushel,
A. McDonald Jno. Kelly		30	30 37	35 40	30 40	62 62
D. Gillespie		10	28	35	25	64
Robt. Adams		10	16	35	40	60
A. P. Stevenson		33	30	28	30	66
J. Appleyard		20	16	12		60
J. D. Stewart		20	10	22	25	66
		25	27	37	33	65
Ed. Scott P. Ferguson	rorage-La-r	30	29	26	35	65
C. Logan	Portage La P		20	28	30	64
		30	34	40	35	62
Max. Wilton		25	04		30	04
	Portage-La-P			30	30	60
A. Dawson.	neadingly	30	30	25	30	63
A. D. Cadenhead	Scratching River.		1.7			
	Green Ridge		17	23	25 30	65 60
r. Ogletree	Portage-La-P		38	36		
T. H. Brown	Poplar Point	30	20	18		60
4. A. Tucker	Portage-La-P	25	27	27	23	63
A. V. Beckstead		30	35	28	35	65
A. C. Harvey	Poplar Point	30	35	33	•••••	63
D.G. Lowe	St. Agathe	30	$22\frac{1}{2}$	25		62
A. J. Nugent	West Lynne	20	20	13	25	58
W. B. Hall.	Headingly	20	30	15	40	60
P. McKay	Portage-La-P	30	30	32	•••••	62
J. Laurie & Bros		••• ••• •••	20	25		60
Chas. Begg		35	30	32	35	60
Angus Polson		25	24			60
G. Granby	High Bluff	27	25	21	30	62
A. Polson, Jr.	Kildonan	25	30	25	30	65
G. Tidsbury		23	25	25	20	ô2
T. B. Robinson	Rockwood	24	28	20	35	61
Neil Henderson	Cook's Creek	30	30	30	35	65
Thos. Sigsons	Portage-La-P	25	28	35	30	62
Jas. Munroe		50	30	34	34	64
J. F. Vidal	Headingly	30			•••••	62
J. Taylor	Headingly	15	16	8	15	60
T. Dalzell	High Bluff	26	25	- 33	20	64
A. Nelson	Stonewall	· 28	26	28	30	
J. J. Edward	Poplar Point	40	40	40		64
R. Sutherland	Portage-La-P	28	30	29		62
G. Stamjer	Pop ar Point		15	22	15	61
Wm. Hill		15	<b>20</b>	15	25	62
W. A. Mann	Bird's Hill		16	18	25	61
Neil McLeod	Victoria			•••••	30	63
F. B. Allan	Stonewall	25			20	67
J. Davidson	High Bluff	25	25	30	25	60
Henry Hodgson	Springfield			371	37	66
John Fraser	Kildonan	24	25	22	25	61
Alex. Adams	Clean Eminge	38	35	30	40	62

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	St. Pie	30	32	40	25	65
A. Brown	High Bluff	26	26	20	30	60
	High Bluff	30	32	35	20 37	64
. W. (arlton		25	15	10	20	61
I. Ferris		25	24	20	· 25	63
t. Morgan		321	40	37	•••••••	60
R. II. Palmer		25	27	16	00	60
S. Jackson.				17	30	62
D. R. McDowell		26	10		15	
lus. Sinclair		20	25	25	15	61
D. Chalmers		10	10	10	15	01
Jeory West		•••••	•••••	25 19	30 22	54
<b>R.</b> Bell Wm. Start		41	อบ	30 25	27 30	62
I. H. C. Hall		27	30	20	18 97	
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D. McDougall		•••••	•••••	•••••	30	••••••
Sam. J. Parsons		•••••	25	25	20 20	60
E. Burnell		30	25 25	30	30 20	65
Heo. Ferris		•••	25	30	40	62
as, Bedford		•••••	20	20	35	62
eo. Jenkins	4.9 C	29 j	27	25		61
I. C. Graham			20	25	20	62
has. Cuthbert		25	28	· 32		62
ohn George		• •••	25		25	63
R. Bell		25	25	27 5	25	••••••
	Headingly	27	25	20	25	65
	Morris	·····	18	26	20	
	Emerson	25				
. Stewart	Meadow Lea	28	25	20	15	63
. F. Halbraith	Nelsonville	21	28		20	
ohn Hourie	St. Anne	20	34	18	30	61
as, Dodds	Sunnyside		23	27	30	
W, Aylmer				26	40	62
Vm. Ellison				15	20	64
ohn Currie	Victoria		19	16	25	70
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		1877.	1878.	1879.	1880.	per
NAME.	ADDRESS.	per acre	per acre	per acro	per acre	weigh

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eld acre 80.	Average weight per bushel.
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Taking 26 bushels of wheat to the acre, as the average ield of the Canadian North-West, which experience tells is a low calculation, we will now compare it with that f some of the American States:

Canadian North-West	26	Bush.	per	acre.
Minnesota		"		
Massachusetts	16	"	"	"
Pennsylvania	15	"	"	"
Wisconsin		"	"	"
Iowa	10	"	66	"
Ohio	10	"	"	"
Illinois	8	"	"	"

These facts show the great superiority of the Canadian North-West as a wheat growing country. The weight of he wheat grown is also something remarkable, especially when compared with that of other countries Taking the neariest samples of each country we find :

Constant North-West	lbs.	per	bush.
Minnesota65			
Ohio	"	"	"
Pennsylvania60	"	"	"
Illinois		"	66

The oats grown in the Canadian North-West are very aperior in quality, being plump and heavy, and the yield her acre is simply enormous, when compared with other countries. As high as seventy bushels per acre is no mcommon thing, as will be seen by the following returns, and in some cases even one hundred bushels have been realized.

For newly broken ground, we are of the opinion that hats will be found the most remunerative crop, and there s always a ready home market for all that can be raised.

#### TESTIMONY OF SETTLERS ON YIELD OF OATS PER ACRE.

Yield Yield Yield Yield Averag weight NAME. ADDRESS. per acre per acre per acre per acre 1878. 1879. 1880. 1877. per bushel Geo. A. Tuck Benj. Hartley ...... St. Charles ...... A. V. Beckst Jno. Dilworth ..... . High Bluff. ...... A. C. Harvey Hayward & S...... Morris .... Geo. Caduan...... High Bluff...... .... W. Jackson. ...... High Bluff. ..... A Gillespie ...... Greenwood ..... W. Engles ..... Stonewall. S. C. Higginson..... Oakland..... Jno. Sutherland .... Kildonan ..... Jno. McLane ...... Portage-La-P ..... 6. Granby. J. Stirton. ..... Nelsonville ...... Alex. Polso: Geo. Tidebu Horace Billings ..... Cumberland H ..... Robt. E. Mitchell . Cook's Creek. ..... Neil Hender Wm. Moss ...... High Bluff. ..... T. H. Ellison M. Owens ...... High Bluff. ..... Jno. Ferguson ..... High Bluff. . ..... J. Airth...... Stonewall... R. Fisher..... Cook's Creek ..... J. W. Adshead ..... St. Charles ...... Robt. Black ...... Birds Hill...... James Armison ..... High Bluff ...... Wm. Corbett...... Springfield. ...... J. G. Rent. ...... Cook's Creek...... G. V. Fitzgerald .. Ridgeville...... 61) Neil McLeo Geo. Taylor ...... Poplar Point ...... Win. Greerson ...... Meadow Lea....... F. B. Allen .... J. Curson .... J. Davidson Jno. Brydon ...... Portage-La-P ..... Henry Hedg Alex. McDonald ... St newall ..... Alex. Adam J Fleming ...... West Lynne ...... J. Currie .... . . . . . . . . . . . . A. J. Moore. ..... . Nelsonville ...... M. Ellison. B. J Chubb ..... Nelsonville ..... Jas. Dodds. .... J. Geddes ......Kildonan..... Jno. Hourie Wm. Green ...... St. Agathe ......... J. F. Galbr A. McDonald ...... Gladstone ..... Chas. Stew Jno. Kelley. ..... Morris ..... L. Diensing D. Gillespie ...... Plympton ..... E. M. Male W. A. Farn B. Adams ...... High Bluff ...... Alex. P Stevenson. Nelsonville ...... Robt. Bell .. Jno. Georg J. Appleyard.. ..... Stonewall...... Chas. Cuth Jas. Stewart ...... Cook's Creek ...... H. C. Grah Ed. Scott ..... Portage-La-P...... deo. Jenkii P Ferguson ...... Gladstone ...... Chas. Logan ..... Portage-La-P ..... Jas. Bedfo Max. Wilton ...... High Bluff...... Geo. Ferris Jonathan Troop ..... Portage-La-P ...... E. Burnell 38--4 S. J. Parso Andrew Dawson .... Heading y ..... D. McDou J. D. McE Adam Nelson, sr... Nelsonville ...... Francis Ogletree... Portage-La-P..... 31-4 T. H. Brown ...... Poplar Point ..... 

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# TESTIMONY OF SETTLERS ON YIELD OF OATS PER ACRE—Continued.

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eld acre 80.	Average weight per	NAMR.	ADDRESS.	Yield per acre 1877.	Yield per acre 1878.	Yield per acre 1879.	Yield per acte 1880.	Avera <b>ge</b> weight per bushel.
	bushel					50		37
00		Geo. A. Tucker		60 75	40 100	50 90	60 60	40
60 70	· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·	A. V. Beckstead A. C. Harvey		45	56	42	00	35
60	40 421	D. G. Lowe		50	50	70		38-40
00	38	A. J. Nugent		50	50	60	60	34
60	35		Headingly	80	80	80	100	40
	40	Phillip McKay	Portage-La-P	63	55	54		40
40	35		St. Agathe			60		36
60	39	Jas. Laurie & Bro.			50	60	80	34-40
50	38	Angus Polson	Kildonan	50	45	45		36
60	40		High Bluff	65	70	73	65	38
80	40	Alex. Polson, jr	Kildonan		50	50	50	38
40	38		fligh Bluff		60		60	37
60	38		Cook's Creek					34-40
70	36		Scratching River			5.0	20	36-40
57	42		Portage-La-P		62	52 60	65 60	40
65	36	Jas. Munroe			75 40	00	40	40
	36		fleadingly		30	25	30	35
50	38		Headingly	. 25 95	80	75	60	401
80 65	42 33		High Bluff	80	00	50	00	34
75	38	John Mathewson	Salsbury	. 25	•			36
60	42		· Portage-La-P	-	71	73	1	38
40	38	G. Stanyer.				40	45	32
60	38		Woodlands		. 30	30	40	1
70	36		· Victoria				. 70	40-45
75		F. B. Allen				. 50	50	
50		J. Davidson	High Bluff	. 60	80	75	80	
70	38	Henry Hodgson	Springfield		50	50	60	36
45		Alex. Adams	Clear Spring	. 50	711	65	70	48
45	34	J. Currie	Victoria		•• • • • • • • • •	. 27	50	58
60	38	M. Ellison				. 20	15	36 43
•••••			Sunnyside			. 68	70	38
40	34		St. Anne's		60	40	40	
••••••	. 40		•• Nelsonville	1	60	. 30	20	36
40	36		Meadow Lea		00	00	24	
70	38 40		- Emerson		•••••	70	60	
60	40		Morris		1 51	50	60	36-46
75	40		Headingly			4)	50	
50			· Rockwood			50	60	1
50	40		Nelsonville Iligh Bluff		1 65	70		38
60	35		. Stonewall			40	50	40
75	36		St. Agathe		30	45		
			Emerson		80	.80	80	40
75	38		St. Agathe			150		. 36
	62		Nelsonville			50	50	38
	38-4				40	40		•• •••••
		D. McDougall	Meadow Lea				60	
50	34-4	J. D. McEwan	Meadow Lea		••• •		60	
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NAME. ADDRESS.	Yield per acre 1877.	Yield per acre 1878.	Yield per 4cre 1879.	Yield per acre 1880.	Average weight per bushel.
J. Winster High Bluff.,	85	80	85	80	
J. Stewart High Bluff	65	75	75	75	41
J. H. C. Hall Seratching River.	•••••			40	33
Robt. Bell Burnside	1 75	75	75	75	36
Wm. Start Assiniboine			60	80	
Jns. Sinclair Greenwood	45	50	50	55	40
R. S. Jackson St. Agathe	********		· 30	30	40
R. Morgan Headingly		30	30	••••	30
M. Ferris Burnside	50	45	50	40	40
J. W. Carlton Clear Springs		40	45	35	36
M. Owens High Bluff		40	60	57	42
Nelson Brown High Bluff	80	80	60	50	34
R. P. Bradley St. Pie	60	80	. 90	70	40
Jno. McKinnon Portage-La-P Jas. King and J.	50	50	50	60	38
McKinnon Oberon		75	60	75	40
Average yield according	per		1878. Fracre.	1879. per acre.	1880. per ac
the above		59 <b></b>	59 <del>3</del>	58	57

TESTIMONY OF SETTLERS ON YIELD OF OATS PER ACRE\_Continued TESTIMO

The comparison between the Canadian North-West and some of the American States as respects the yield of oats, is as follows:

Canadian 1	North-West	say	average	<b>57</b>	bush.	per acre.
Minnesota				37	66	
Iowa		""	""	28	" "	"
Ohio		46	"	<b>23</b>	**	""

Barley is grown very successfully as will be shown by the following table. The quality of the grain is excellent as a rule, its colour fine, and brewers pronounce it second to none for malting poses.

John Dilwort Hayward & Geo. Cadman W. Jackson A Gillespie Wm. Engles. S. C. Higgin John Sutherl John McLan Jas. Sturton. H. Bellenger Robt. E Mite Wm. Moss ... M. Owens... John Fergus James Airth. R. Fisher..... J. W. Adshe Robt. Black J. Armson ... Wm. Corbet J. J. Kent .. 6. V. Fitzge Goo. Taylor W. Grierson Isaac Casso John Brydo A. J. Moore B. J. Chubb Simon Balla John Gedde Wm. Green A. McDonal John Kelly. D. Gillespie Robt. Adam A. P. Stever Jas. D. Stev E. Scott ..... Peter Ferge Chas. Logar Max. Wilto Jno. Troop. A. J. Hink F. Ogletree F. H. Brow Geo. A. T A. V. Beck A, C. Harv B. G. Low

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TESTIMONY OF SETTLERS ON YIELD OF BARLEY PER ACRE.

eld acre	A verage weight	NAME.	Address.		per acre		Yield per acre	Average weight
80.	per bushel.			1877.	1878.	1879.	1830.	per bushel.
80		John Dilworth	High Bluff	30	35	30	30	50
75	41	Hayward & Son	Morris		30	30	35	50
40	33	Geo. Cadman	High Bluff	42	40	36	35	48
75	36	W. Jackson	High Bluff	40	40	40	35	48
80		A Gillespie	Greenwood	60	60	70	•••••	50
55	40	Wm. Engles	Stonewall		20	20		50
30	40	S. C. Higginson	Oakland			35	40	
	30	John Sutherland	Kildonan	40	48 60	i 52	40	42
40	40	John McLane Jas. Sturton	Portage La-P Nelsonville			65 35	60 40	56
35	36	H. Bellenger	Cumberland H	25	20	25	30	50 56
57	42	Robt. E Mitchel	Cook's Creek	1	40	25		50
50	34	Wm. Moss	High Bluff	50	1 50	50	50	50
70	40	M. Owens	High Bluff	42	39	45	45	50
60	38	John Ferguson	High Bluff	50	40	40	40	50
	10	James Airth	Stonewall.	40	40	65	1.0	56
75	40	R. Fisher	Cook's Creek	50	20	12	40	0.0
		J. W. Adshead	St. Charles	20	20	20	30	50
		Robt. Black	Bird's Hill			1	40	
•	1880.	J. Armson	High Bluff	65	50	55	55	48
re.	per acre.	Wm. Corbett	Springfield	50	42	30		
		J. J. Kent	Cook's Creek		28		40	
	573	6. V. Fitzgerald	Ridgeville		1	30	1 35	48
	014	Geo. Taylor	Poplar Point	40		45	50	50-55
		W. Grierson	Meadow Lea			1	30	
Wes	st and	Isaac Casson	Emerson			25	35	51
		John Brydon	Portage-La-P	40	35	45	35	50
01 (	oats, is	A. J. Moore	Nelsonville	53	43	43	50	50
		B. J. Chubb	Nelsonville			30	40	. <b></b> . <b>.</b>
		Simon Ballantyne	West Lynne				40	
		John Geddes	Kildonan	50	10	10	40	
er a	cre.	Wm. Green	St. Agathe			25		
44		A. McDonald	Gladstone	38	38	38	40	50
		John Kelly	Morris			45		50
"		D. Gillespie	Plympton		40	30	30	•••••
"		Robt. Adams	High Bluff		45	50	60	
		A. P. Stevenson	Nelsonville		40	45	50	50
		Jas. D. Stewart	Cook's Creek					•••••
how	n by	E. Scott	Portage-La-P		32	27	45	
		Peter Ferguson	Gladstone		35	40	45	
exc	ellent	Chas. Logan	Portage-La-P		40	50	40	52
it s	econd	Max. Wilton	lligh Bluff		40	48	40	54
		Jao. Troop	Portage-La-P		45	50	60	67
		A. J. Hinker	Green. Ridge		45	30	30	48-50
		F. Ogletree	Portage-La-P	-	15	15	20	43
		F. H. Brown Geo. A. Tucker	Poplar Point Portage-La-P		1.5	40	50	48
		A V. Beckstead			50	1 60	55	50
		A. C. Harvey		39	48	43		48
		n o	Lobier Lounterer		-	1 20	1	
		B. G. Lowe	St. Agathe	40	40			50

## TESTIMONY OF SETTLERS ON YIELD OF BARLEY PER ACRE .- Continued.

NAME.	ADDERSS.	Yield per .cre 1877.	Yield per acre 1878.	Yield per acre 1879.	Yield per acre 1880.	Average weight per bushel.
H. B. Hall	Headingly.	40			80	50
Philip McKay				50		50
Las. Lawrie & Bro.	Morris		40	40	40	47-9
Chas. Begg	Stone Fort	40	40	30	40	40
Angus Polson	Kildonan	30		40		56
d Granby	High Bluff	40	30	50	40	53
	Kildonan	30	30	30	35	56
Jeo. Tidsbury	lligh Bluff	35	33	36	30	5¢
F. B. Robinson		52	30	20	40	50
Neil Henderson			00		60	
r. H. Ellison	Scratching River.	50			00	
Thos. Sigrous		30	32	36	28	54
Jas. Munroe		40	40	40	45	50
J. F. Vidal.		30	30	70	30	56
Ino. Taylor		20	30 20	••••	20	50
			37	42	20	
R. Sutherland	0	35		14	4 γ	50
0. Stranger			2 <b>5</b>			36
Win A. Mann				35		50
F. B. Allan					30	A
	High Bluff			35	30	
	Springfield			50		
Jno. Fraser	Kildonan		40	45	50	50
Alex Adams	Clear Springs	75	40	48	60	50
W. Ellison	Nelsonville	' <i>.</i>			15	
W. Aylmer	St. Léon	‡ <b></b>		40	40	
Jos. Dodds	Sunnyside	* <b></b>	25	40	35	53
Jno. Hourie	St. Anne	50	40	20	30	52
J. F. Galbraith	Nelsonville	ł		45	30	•••
E. M. Maley	Morris			40	40	
	Headingly		31	20	40	50
	Nelsonville			50	40	
	High Bluff	25	40	35		48
Geo. Jenkins		35	30	45		
	Emerson			60	60	54
Edwin Burnell	Nelsonville			35	60	
	Springfield			9	25	
D McDovgall	Meadow Lea			ĺ		•••••
Jos D Makwan	Meadow Lea				50	
Jus Whinster	High Bluff	40	36	42	40	52
Tue Stowart	nigh blun,	-		1 25	50	
	High Bluff	30	25	- 20	25	50
	Assiniboine		0.5	•• •• •••••	70	40
	Greenwood	45	35		40	49
	Cook's Creek	55	25			45
n. n. raimer Dubi Managa	Cook's Creck	25	15	·28	•••••	48
noot. Morgan	Headingly	28	32	30		48
J. W. Carleton	Clear Springs	60	50	25	30	50
	High Bluff	42	39	45	45	50
Nelson Brown	High Bluff	40	30	20	30	48
Robt. P. Bradley	St. Pie		56	59		54-
Jao. McKinnon	Portage-La-P	50	50	50	60	50
James King, James					_	
McKinnon	Portage-La-P	1	1	t	60	50

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re	Average weight per bushel.
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	· 54
	52 50
•••	49 45 48 50 50 48 54 50 50
	50

		1877.	1878	1879.	1880.
Average yield accor	according to	per acre.	per acre.	per acre.	per aore.
			63	37 <del>3</del>	41

The following comparative statement tells its own tale

Canadian North-West say	40	bush	per	acre.
Minnesota				
lowa	.22	66	"	"
Wisconsin	.20	66	64	"
Ohio	19	"	"'	"'
adiana	19	46	"	"
Iılinəis	.17	"	"	"'

We have only a few returns to show in Peas, still sufficient to indicate that good crops can be obtained.

TESTIMONY OF SETTLERS ON THE YIELD OF PEAS PER ACRE.

NAME.	Address.		Yield per acre 1878.	Yield per acre 1879.	Yield per acre 1880.	Avorage weight per bushel.
Wm. Eag les	Stonewall.			20		60
Jno. Sutherland			63	67	60	60
Jas.Armson			25	20		•••••
Geo Taylor				18	25	
W. Grierson					40	
Wm . Green			25	20		60
Peter Ferguson				25		· • • • • • • • • • • •
Che Logan				30		
Max. Wilton	High Bluff	24	25	30	20	65
A. J. Hiucker			11	15		50
Geo. A. Tucker			1			
A. V. Beckstead				40	60	65
P. McKay				25		
T. H. Ellison						
Jas. Vidal		50	2.5			
John Fraser		40	40	40	40	60
Jas. Bedford				35	35	••••
Edwin Burnelle			1	30		
	Headingly	30	40	35		60
R. P. Bradley		60	62	68		65
Jno McKinnon			15		28	65

	18	77. 1878.	1879.	1880.
	per a	ere. per acre.	per acre.	per aore
Average yield according	to			
the above		2 34	32 <del>1</del>	38 <u>1</u>

There is not much Rye grown in the North-West as yet, but the experience of Mr Beckstead, as given below, proves that it can be grown to advantage.

NAME.	ADDRESS.	Der Sare	Der acre	ner acre	Yield per acre 1880.	waight	
A. V. Beckstead	Emerson	30	30	40	40	60	

The Canadian North-West is peculiarly adapted to the growth of Potatoes. As will be seen by the following instances, the yield is enormous and the quality is well known to be very superior. Some specimens weighed as high as 4<sup>3</sup>/<sub>4</sub> pounds each, and one peculiarity is that they are generally mealy to the very core.

The favourable climate and the rich soil of this country tend to make the potato a profitable crop even during the first season, immediately after breaking, by turning the sod over on the seed. The following evidence, however, will, show how successfully this product can be raised:

TESTIMONY OF SETTLERS ON YIELD OF POTATOES PER ACRE.

N & M E.	Addr#88.	Yield per acre 1877.	Yield per acre 1878.	per acre	Yield per acre 1880.	Average weight per bushel.
John Dilworth	High Bluff	200	250	250	200	58
Hayward & S			500	500	500	60
W Jackson			300	300	300	
A. Gillespie			500	530		60
W. Eagles			200	400-	500	60
S. C. Higginson			400	400	400	
John Sutherland			280	300	300	
John McLane	Portage-La-P	600	600	600	500	
John Sturton				400		
Horace Bellenger.			150	200	200	58
Wm. Moss			350	350	350	

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 TESTIMONY OF SETTLERS ON YIELD OF POTATOES PER ACRE. --Continued.

NAME.	ADDRESS.	Yield	Yield per acre	Yield	Yield per aere	Average
NAME.	ADDRESS	1877.	1878.	1879.	1880.	per bushel
Matthew Owens	High Bluff	300	250	300	250	60
John Forguson	High Bluff	400	400	400	400	00
Jas. Adshead	St. hnrles	400	400	100	250	60
	Cook's treek	200	200	200	250	60
as. Armson	High Bluff	300	350	450	250	
Wm. Corbett	Springfield		500			
J. V. Fitzgerald				130	180	60
3. Taylor	Poplar Point	200		175	200	60-68
Wm. Grierson		200			300	
Isaac Casson	Emerson		400	175	300	
Alex. McDonald			300			
Jas. Fleming			200	300	250	
Benj. J. Chubb			-00	300		
A. McDonald	Gladstone	300	300	300	350	
D Gillespie	Plympton.	500	400	200	300	
	Nelsonville	450	400	400	450	64
	Stonewall.		100	1.00	200	60
	Cook's Creek	100	100	300	1 200	65
	Westbourne.	450	100	000	400	1 00
Peter Ferguson	Gladstone	400	400	450	. 500	60
Toman	Portuge-Lo-D	250	200	280		
	Portage-La-P	300	300	300	300	
	Headingly	200	250	320	400	62
A. J. HINKer	Greenridge		250	320	400	02
	Portage-Ja-P	300	200	300	200	60
	Portage-La-P	300	200	500	500	60
	Emerson			500	500	00
A. C. Harvey	Poplar Point	150	260	200	•••••	60
J. G. Lowe	St. Agathe	200	200			60
	lleadingly	200	200	50	300	00
	St. Agathe	100	••••••	100	•••••	•••••
J. Turner		•••••		300	•••••	•••••
	Morris		150	300		•••••
lardner Granby	High Bluff	250	300	250	250	
	Kildonan	300	250	300	300	60
	High Bluff	400	300	300	300	60
	Rockwood	200	350	100		•••••
	Cook's Creek			= 0.0	500	•••••
	Portage-La-P	400	400	500	350	50
	Kildonan	200	250	200	250	50
	Hoadingly	200	250		1.0	0 5
	High Bluff	400	450	375	159	65
	Stone wall	300	•••••		0.75	60
	Emerson		•••••	396	375	60
J. J. Edwards		150			150	62
	Bird's Hill	320	250	200	150	
F. B. Allan	Stonewall			200		
J. Davidson	High Bluff			200		
H. Hodgson	Springfield		500	250	300	60
John Fraser		400	400	400	400	56

#### TESTIMONY OF SETTLERS ON YIELD GF COTATOES PER ACRE. — Continued.

NAME.	Addumss.	Yleid per acre 1877.	Yield per acre 1878.	Yleid per acre 1879.	Yield per acre 1880.	Average weight per bushel.
ley Ailama	Clear Springs	100	120	200		60
no. Currie			1=0	250	250	
	St. Léan			300		
	Sunnyside		300		400	
	St. Anne		200	120		56
	Nelsonville		200	250	300	
			500	400	300	
	Meadow Lea Morris		400	400	300	••••
	Rockwood		400	•••••		****** * ***
			200		200	•• •• • • • • • • • •
100. George	Nelsonville	••••	200	200		••• •••••
1. U. Granam	Stonewall	000	077	0	350	•••••
100. Jenkins	St. Agathe	200	375	875		•••••
	Emerson		250		300	
	St. Aguthe		150	200		64
	Nelsonville		350	400	425	•••••
	Springfield		400	500	300	•••••
	Mondow Lea		•••••		400	•••••
	Meadow Lea				300	••••
	High Bluff		350	350		55
	Assiniboine			350	600	
). Chalmers	St. Anue, Pt. D. C.		400		400	
	G:eenwood	300			100	
D. R. McDowell	Cook's Creek	600		150	200	
R. S. Jackson	St. Agathe			210		
R. Morgan	Hendingly	100	120	130		61
W. Ferris	Burnside	140	150	160	200	
	Clear Springs		275	250	1	
	High Bluff		250	300	250	60
	High Bluff		400	400	300	
	St. Pie		420	300	250	
	Portage-La-P		300	400	300	60
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W. H. J. Swain, of Morris,

Has produced 800 to 1000 bushels of turnips to the acre, and 60 bushels of beans have also been raised by him per acre.

In roots and vegetables we produce the following evidence

of what has been done by a few of our farmers:

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	S. C. Higginson, of Oakland, Has produced cabbages weighing 17½ lbs. each.
verage veight per pushel.	Allan Bell, of Portage-La-Prairie, Has had cabbages 45 inches around, and turnips weighing 25 pounds each.
ß <b>6</b>	Thos. B. Patterson, Has realized 40 tons of turnips to the acre, some of them weighing as much as 20 pounds each.
56	Robt. E. Mitchell, of Cook's Creek, Raised a squash of six weeks' growth, measuring 5 feet 6 inches around the centre.
• • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • •	Wm. Moss, of High Bluff, Has produced carrots weighing 11 pounds each, and turnips measuring 36 inches in circumference.
64 	James Airth, of Stonewall, States that the common weight of turnips is twelve pounds each, and some of them have gone as high as thirty-two and a half pounds.
·····	Isaac Casson, of Green Ridge, Has raised 270 bushels of onions to the acre.
61	John Geddes, of Kildonan, States that he has raised 300 bushels of carrots and 800 bushels of turnips per acre.
60 	John Kelly, of Morris, Has produced from 800 to 1000 bushels of turnips to the acre.
1880.	Joshua Appleyard, of Stonewall. Also states his crop of turnips to have been 1000 bushels per acre, the common weight being 12 lbs. each.
per acre.	Ed. Scott, of Portage-La-Prairie, Raised 400 bushels of turnips from half an acre of land.
818. ridence	W. H. J. Swain, of Morris, Had citrons weighing 18 pounds each. Francis Ogletree, of Portage-La-Prairie,
ne acre, by him	Produced onions measuring 4 <sup>3</sup> / <sub>4</sub> inches through the centre. A. V. Beckstead, of Emerson, Gives his experience as follows :—
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Mangel Wurzel weighing 27 lbs each. Beet "23 " Cabbages "49 "

Onions each 11 pounds in weight.

- W. B. Hall, of Headingly,
  - Has raised carrots 3 inches in diameter, beets weighing 20 pounds each, and gives the weight of his turnips generally at 12 pounds each.
- Philip McKay, of Portage-La-Prairie,
  - Took 200 bushels of turnips from one-quarter of an acre of land, some of them weighing 25 pounds each. He has produced carrots 4 inches in diameter and 14 inches long, has had cabbages measuring 26 inches in diameter solid head and four feet with the leaves on. His onions have measured 16 inches in circumference, and cauliflower heads 19 inches in diameter.

Jas. Lawrie and Bro., of Morris,

Have produced turnips 30 inches in circumference, onions 14 inches and melons 30 inches. He had one squash which measured about the same size as an ordinary flour barrel.

James Owens, of Point Du Chêne,

- Had turnips 30 pounds each, onions 14 inches around, and cucumbers 18 inches long.
- Neil Henderson, of Cook's Creek,
  - Has raised 1,000 bushels of turnips to the acre, carrots 5 inches in diameter and 18 inches long, while his onions have frequently measured 5 inches through.

Jas. Bedford, of Emerson,

Has raised 1,000 bushels of turnips to the acre.

It must be remembered, however, that none of the farmers mentioned above used any special cultivation to produce the results we have described, and out of nearly 200 reports which we have received from settlers concerning the growth of roots and vegetables in the Canadian North-West, not one has been unfavourable.

As yet the culture of fruit and apples in the North-West is in its infancy, but as will be seen hereafter by the statements of a number of farmers, there is no doubt that certain varieties can be grown successfully. An abundance however ning 20 s gene-

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th-West tements tain vanowever of the following wild fruits exists, such as strawberries, raspberries, whortleberries, cranberries, plums, black and red currants, blueberries and grapes, so that there is no scarcity in this respect for the settler, and he will find the flavour of the wild fruit of the North-West most delicious. In fact, strangers, when tasting our strawberries and raspberries for the first time invariably pronounce them superior to the cultivated varieties Doubts have existed as to whether apples can be grown, with any great degree of success in the North-West. but lately the attention of nursery-men in the East has been attracted to this country and several successful efforts have been made to introduce a variety of plants into the country. There is no reason why apple trees should not be raised in this country if care is taken at the outset to protect the plants in the spring, and it has been suggested by a writer that all young apple trees should have a wrapping of straw, so as to protect them in the spring from alternate thawing and freezing, a great detriment to their growth. It has been proved that apple trees do thrive in this country, and there is ground to believe that the celebrated "Fameuse" of Quebec could be produced. In Minnesota, not many years ago, it was contended that apple trees would not grow there, and yet to-day the Minnesota apple is a notable product of that state. If Minnesota can produce apples, there is no reason why the Canadian North-West should not do so equally as well. We however refer our readers to the experience of several of our farmers in this respect as shown by their statements which appear in a later portion of this The cultivation of Flax and Hemp during the early work. days of the Red River settlement was carried on successfully by the old settlers, but at the same time the want of a market and the means to manufacture the raw material interfered with its profitable production then.

Lately several of our farmers have paid some attention to the production of these important crops, and the experience of those who have tried them is certainly of a very satisfactory character. There is not the least doubt that as the climate of the North-West is peculiarly favourable to the production of a good quality of both flax and hemp, they will play an important part in the future resources of the country. There is, however, another product to which we adapted.

beet and its manufacture into sugar, but there is no part of the Dominion where it can be raised in such paying quantities as in the North-West. The rich soil, the ease with which they can be cultivated, all tend to make the production of beet crops profitable, more especially when, as in the case of the sugar beet, large quantities can be used for manufacturing purposes.

A calculation is given setting forth the estimated results of the manufacture of a thousand tons of sugar beets in the States of New York and Pensylvania, as made by an American gentleman who has given long consideration to the subject. It is as follows :---

### EXPENSES.

1,000 tons of beets at \$4 per ton\$	4,000	00
Estimated cost of manufacturing at \$3 per_ton	5,000	00

Total..... \$9,000 00

### RESULTS.

200 tons of pulp at \$2.00 per ton	\$ 400	00
30 tons of syrup at \$20.00 per ton		
60 tons of sugar at \$250.00 per ton,	. 15,000	00
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Total Results	\$16,000	00
From which deduct expenses		
Leaves a profit of	# 7 000	

Beet root sugar manufacturing will likely at no distant day be a question of much interest in the North-West, for without doubt the soil will produce very large crops of sugar beets.

We have endeavoured thus to show by practical proof the advantages of the North-West to the agriculturist. To

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400 00 400 00 400 00 600 00 5,000 00 6,000 00 9,000 00 7,000 00 7,000 00 o distant West, for crops of ical proof urist. To the sportsmen we may say that it presents many inducements, as the prairies, ponds and lakes abound with wild fowl, such as the prairie chickens, pheasants, partridges, pigeons, ducies, swans, cranes, geese, snipe, plover, &c.; and amongst the larger game we may enumerate, moose, deer, antelopes, bears, wolves, foxes and rabbits, &c., and in the far West the buffalo. In the rivers and lakes there is an abundance of fish of the following kinds: white fish, (regarded by many as equal to that caught in Lake Superior), pickerel, pike, catfish, sturgeon, rock bass and black bass, perch, suckers, sunfish, gold eye, carp, and in some parts, trout and maskinongé.

The dry air of the North-West, the clear skies and the rich flora of the prairies and woods indicate that bee-culture can be carried on successfully. Several of our farmers have already paid attention to the production of honey, and in the woods, swarms of wild bees can be found.

While agriculture will undoubtedly be the principal industry in the Canadian North-West for generations to come, that of stock raising will be next in importance.

Its vast prairies covered with rich grasses, the sheltering groves and forests here and there, the abundant supply of good water to be found almost anywhere, and the favourable climate all proclaim this fine country as certain to become one of the best for grazing in the world. We have already shown that the wild grasses are considered by many as superior even to the cultivated species.

The winters, owing to the atmosphere being dry, are most favourable, and in addition to this the great area of pasture available for the herding of immense herds, would indicate that stock raising will ere long be followed on a large scale in the North-West. The same advantages in connection with the raising of the larger class of stock apply also to sheep, and the experience of many of our old settlers shows conclusively that wool growing in the Canadian North-West is a branch of industry which will prove of great profit to every farmer locating in it.

The Home market for meat will continue to grow in proportion to the rapid development caused by railway construction, and as new towns and cities spring into

existence the demand on the stock-raiser will increase in The prosecution of railways and public works proportion. will also create a great demand for meat and agricultural produce to feed the large numbers of men employed, but besides all this the trade in cattle, which is now being carried on so extensively between America and Great Britain, and which is likely to increase every year, will open up a large field for enterprise in this country. Messrs. Pell & Read who visited America in connection with the meat-trade question, would have done well had they visited the great plains of the Canadian North-West, for had they done so they would have been impressed with the importance of this country in that respect. The Canadian Pacific Railway, connecting the fertile prairies of the west with the Atlantic, is destined to be the avenue by which a very large proportion of the meat consumed in Europe will be brought from the pasture fields of the North-West for that purpose. The quality of the meat moreover is of a superior quality, as far as present experience shows, to any raised in more southern latitudes, and this is caused principally by the superior fattening qualities of the wild grasses on the prairies of the North-West.

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We have already advised intending settlers to avoid burdening themselves with an unnecessary amount of luggage. We would, however, recommend them to bring with them as much of their clothing as they conveniently can, as it packs in small compass, and saves outlay in the new land.

Be sure, however, to bring your money, or that portion of it, which you will not require to use on the way, in the form of a draft or bill-of-exchange. If you lose the draft or bill, you can always have it replaced. If you bring gold, silver or bank notes, and lose them, you will probably never recover your loss. There are four large banking institutions in Winnipeg, any one of which will be able to cash your draft or bill on your arrival. As soon as you reach Winnipeg, by placing yourself in the hands of the Government land guides, you will be able to make your purchases at reasonable prices, and will be secure from any imposition in that respect.

The following figures may prove of interest to intending settlers as showing what can be done in the Canadian Nor from sixt of to latio doll pan

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North-West. Farms can be purchased at almost any price from one dollar per acre upwards, and one hundred and sixty acres can be secured as a homestead free, on payment of ten dollars entry fee. We will, however, base our calculations on the Government price for pre-emptions of one dollar, and we will illustrate a term of five years occu pancy:

# FIRST YEAR.

Expenditure of settler with family of say

five, for provisions, &c., one year\$	\$ 250	00
One yoke of oxen	125	00
One cow	35	00
Breaking plough and harrow	35	00
Waggon	80	00
Implements, &c	<b>25</b>	00
Cook stove, &c., complete	<b>25</b>	00
Furniture	<b>25</b>	00
Tent	10	00
Sundries, say	50	00
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**Outlay** for first year..... \$ 660 00

At the end of the year he will have a comfortable log house, barn, &c., cattle, implements, and say twenty acres of land broken, ready for seed.

### SECOND YEAR.

Will realize from 20 acres—600 bushels of	
grain at 60c., which is a low figure\$360 00	)
Expenditure, say 300 00	

To the good, besides living.......\$ 60 00

and he will have an additional 20 acres of land broken.

# THIRD YEAR.

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# FOURTH YEAR.

70 acres will give him 2,700 bushels grain @ 60c.\$1,26 Less expenditure for further stock, implements	0	00	
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To the good, besides living \$60 And another 30 acres broken.	30	00	
FIFTH YEAR.			

## 100 acres will give him 3,000 bushels grain @ 60c.\$1,800 00 Less same expenditure as previous year..... 600 00 To the good, besides living......\$1,200 00 At the end of the fifth year he will stand as follows :---Cash or its equivalent on hand...... 1.980 00 160 acres of land increased in value to at 800 00 least \$5 per acre..... House and barn, low appraisal..... 250 00 Stock, including cattle and horses..... 600 00 Machinery and farm implements, 50 per 200 00 cent of cost, say..... Furniture, &c..... 150 00 \$ 3,980 00 Less-outlay first year ..... 660 00

To credit of farm, besides living......\$ 3,320 00

In the calculations we have endeavoured to be as near the truth as possible. We have increased the number of acres broken the three years, because with an increase of stock and other facilities for breaking, the settler can break more. This has been the experience of farmers here. Then we have placed the expenditure high, while the price quoted for the grain is much lower than is paid at present by buyers. We show a profit of over \$3,000 after paying for e case and had the i pers **\$1** p pond ing obta ditio TI settl Nort any desi ofa per : can a Min ever he C sont Ave

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s near ber of ease of break Then price price price for everything in five years, but we can cite numerous cases where settlers have cleared more than \$4,000 and \$5,000 in the same time, where in many instances they had not \$100 to commence with. The whole success of the new settler depends upon his economical management, perseverance and untiring industry. If he pays more than \$1 per acre for his land he may be sure it will rise correspondingly in value as the country progresses. The intending settler, however, must never forget that he can always obtain 160 acres of land free from the Government in [addition to that which he purchases.

There is one point we desire to impress upon intending settlers, and that is the large yield of grain in the Canadian North-West. From this time no immigrant need settle any great distance from railway communication unless<sup>a</sup>he desires to do so, so that he will always be within easy reach of a steady market. We may safely place the average yield per acre at 30 bushels of wheat after the second year, and can also safely say that grain will fetch as high prices as in Minnesota or Dakota. In the Canadian North-West, however, allowing prices to be equal, how does the settler in he Canadian North-West stand as compared with those south of the boundary line.

Average yield per acre in the Canadian North-West,

30 bushels, say at 80c ..... \$ 24 00 Average yield in Minnesota, 17 bushels at say 80c. 13 60

# In favour of Canadian settlers......\$ 10 40

This is a considerable difference which is borne out by facts, and when it is considered that the cost of living is less than in the United States, the difference becomes still greater. It simply resolves itself into this, that settlers in the Canadian North-West can afford to sell their grain owing to their large returns at fully 50 per cent. lower than those in the United States and still be as well off, or they can (prices being equal) realize the same percentage more than their neighbours south of the boundary line. The opening of the Canadian Pacific Railway to Lake Superior, next year, will give the North-West equal shipping facilities with the Western States. What more can we say

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for the information of those who are looking for new homes to guide them to this "Land of Promise," but one more word in conclusion; The Canadian Pacific Railway is to be pushed forward at a very rapid rate during the next few years, and will give employment to thousands of men.

A very large amount of Grain and other supplies will be required to carry on the extensive public works of the Canadian North-West, and farmers will be kept busy in order to supply this home demand for years to come.

In addition to this immigrants will be able to find plenty of work for themselves and their teams, during their spare time, so that the sooner settlers make up their minds to come here the better it will be for themselves. The next ten years in the Canadian North-West will assuredly be a time of great progress and prosperity.

Now, therefore, is the time for you to make up your mind to come here. In conclusion, we submit the following evidences, of actual settlers, to furnish information on any points which we may have omitted in the previous pages:

### STATEMENTS OF ACTUAL SETTLERS.

"I am a native of Western Ontario and have been farming fifteen years. This " is my fifth year here and I much prefer this country to anywhere else.

> "JAMES STEWART, "Meadow Lea."

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"The usual time of sowing wheat, oats, and peas is from the beginning of "April to the middle of May, barley from middle of May till the beginning of "June. The weather during seeding and harvest is generally dry. The usual "time to harvest is from the middle of August till September.

> JNO. MCKINNON, "Three Creeks, " Portage-La-Prairie."

"In my opinion the month of September is the most favourable for settlers to "come here, and in no case should they come earlier th an May. Let thembring "good medium sized close made horses with them. Have been here eightyears and know the requirements pretty well.

"NELSON BROWN, "High Bluff."

"I would just say that there are no obnoxious weeds here. When a field is "ready to be reaped, as a rule you cannot see anything only grain. Flax grows "well in this country. I think it can be grown with profit. I have seen it grow 'as tall as I saw it in Ireland.

"Vegetables of all kinds grow splendidly without much labor and with no

"MATHEW OWENS, J. P., "High Bluff."

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" Land ought to be ploughed in the fall and sown as early as possible in the spring. Seeding is from 10th to 15th of April, and harvest from 10th of August "to 15th of September. The Mennonites here grow all their tobacco, and it ' stands about four feet high.

"JOHN W. CARLTON, "Clear Springs."

"The month of May is generally fair; June wet, August and September fair "weather." All kinds of roots and vegetables should be sown as early as the "weather. An kinds of foots and vegetables should be sown as early as the ground is in fit condition, and will be fit for gathering about middle of October. "Brush ground broken in spring, will yield a good crop of oats or potatoes the "JAMES SINCLAIR, "Greenwood."

"I have been in the country six years and have found the driest summer to " give the best crops, even though there was no rain except an odd thunder-"shower. New settlers should come in May and break their land till July, then "after cutting and saving plenty of hay for all the cattle, they can prepare their " buildings for the winter.

"HENRY WEST. " Clear Springs."

"For stock-raising purposes the district is unequalled, as the supply of hay is " unlimited, and a man can raise as much stock as he is able to cut fodder for. "DAVID CHALMERS,

"St. Anne, Point DuChêne."

"The potatoes raised here are the finest I ever saw. I have not been in the " country but one year, but I am very well pleased with it. All kinds of roots " grow better and larger here than in Ontario.

" WM. START,

"Assiniboine."

"I started with one cow, one horse and a plough 18 years ago, and to-day my assessment was for \$13,000. I did not fail one crop yet in 18 years of my farming there, and I must say this year's crop is better than I have had before. You can " depend upon me.

"BENJAMIN BRUCE, "Poplar Point."

"Rye does well in this country. I have been in Scotland, England and the "United States and in Ontario, but this country beats them all for large potatoes. "ROBERT BELL, "Burnside."

"I would suggest that intending settlers in the North-West who come t "settle down on prairie land should break up an acre or two around where they " build, on the West, North and East, and plant with maple seeds. Plant in rows "four feet apart, the seeds to be planted one foot apart; they afterwards can be thinned out and transplanted. I have them 12 feet high, from the seed planted four years ago, and they will form a good shelter. I find, after a residence of nine years, that this North-West country is well calculated for raising the differ-ent kinds of grain sown by farmers. Market prices are very good. Wheat 85c. " to \$1.15, oats 50c. to 60c., and barley 60 cents.

"JAMES STEWART, "High Bluff."

"Farmers should have Canadian horses, and get oxen and cows, and pur-the chase young cattle. By so doing they will double their money every year. I " am in the business and know by experience.

"JAMES MCEWEN, " Meadow Lea."

'I can tell from experience that all root crops grow to a very large size, "better than ever I have seen in other places. Turnips, carrots, mangel-wurzel, "beets, onions, potatoes, cabbage, tomatoes, melons, cucumbers, citrons, corn, "beans. All these grow splendidly here.

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"The time to sow them is from 1st to 45th May, and to gather them from "1st to 15th October.""Meadow Lea."	"M "enjoy "but ro "spring
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"I have seen fair crops raised by breaking early in the spring and sowing "oats; but by breaking about 2 inches deep in June, and turning back in fall, "getting up all the sub-soil you can, is the best way for the following spring "crops."" EDWIN BURNELL, "Nelsonville. 4	" home " T
"I would advise immigrants to fetch all the cash they can. They can suit themselves better by buying here about as cheap, and they will only get just what they need. "GEORGE FERRIS, "St. Agathe."	" 1
"Timothy, white Dutch, and Alsike clover grow well here. I have just cut "a crop of seven acres that will average two and a half tons to the acre, and "have thirty acres seeded down for next year. "JAMES BEDFORD, "Emerson."	" out o " out o " my e " onion " ables
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"Strawberries, currants, gooseberries, raspberries and in fact all small fruits "bear in t'e greatest abundance and give every promise of being very profitable. "W. A. FARMER, "Headingly."

"Hops will do well cultivated; I have planted wild hops out of the bush into " my garden along the fence and trained on poles, bearing as full and fine and as " large as any I ever saw at Yalding and Staplehurst in Kent, England. " LOUIS DIENSING,

" Emerson."

"The longer a farmer lives here the better he likes it.

"JULIUS F. GALBRAITH,

"Nelsonville."

"Now that we have the locomotive, we shall be able to compare with any-" thing in the Dominion, and take the lead with roots, and I defy the United " States for samples of grain of all kinds. They have only the start of us in fruits, " but we are progressing well in that respect. If folks would work four months " in the year they might be independent in this country. I came here in 1873 "with only thirty dollars in my pocket, ten of which I paid for my homestead of 160 acres. It is going on two years since I began to cultivate the place I am " now living on and I have 74 acres under cultivation, with a suitable house and " other fixtures, and I could get \$3,000 for one of my quarter sections. I can be " other fixtures, and I could get \$5,000 for one of the other other other of the other ot

"High Bluff."

"Agricultural implements are reasonable here and can be bought cheaper " than by individual importation.

"JOHN FRASER. "Kildonan."

"My claim is situated on the banks of the Assiniboine and we therefore "enjoy direct steamboat communication with Winnipeg. The land is not flat "but rolling prairie, no need of drainage, but still it is well watered by running "springs. All crops look well. I planted potatoes on lst June, and in eight "weeks we had our first meal of them. I expect about 300 bushels to the acre. "The climate of the country is all that can be desired. Any man who wishes to "farnish a home for himself should try and locate in this country, and if he be a " man of any energy he will not be long in making a comfortable and profitable " home for himself and family. It was a happy day that I first landed on this soil

" GEO. C. HALL, " Portage-La-Prairie."

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"Flax does extra well in this country.

"GEO. A. TUCKER, " Portage-La-Prairie."

"Plough as much land as you can in the fall, and sow as soon as the frost is "out of the ground, enough for the Harrow to cover the seed. As far as "my experience goes the ordinary vegetables, such as turnips, carrots, cabbage, " onions, beets, peas, beans, &c., grow well here. I have raised as good veget-"ables since I have been here, with comparatively but little cultivation, as I "have seen raised in my native place, County Kent, England, where market " gardening is carried on to perfection."

"THOS. HENRY BROWN " Poplar Point.'

"Native Hops here grow as large as any I ever saw cultivated.

" FRANCIS OGLETREE,

"Portage-La-Prairie."

"Hemp and Flax I have tried, and it grows excellently. Tame grasses of " all kinds do well especially Timothy. My advice to all is to come to this coun-" try, where they can raise the finest samples of grain of all kinds, that ever was " raised in any country.

"ANDREW J. HINKER, " Greenridge."

"Spring is the best time to come to this country as the settler can then get a "crop of oats put in on breaking, which will yield him 25 bushels to the acre, " and potatoes grow well ploughed under the sod. He can raise enough to keep " him for the season. That way I raised 50 bushels from a quarter acre.

" ARTHUR D. CADENHEAD,

"Scratching River."

"Gentlemen, -The average yield of my grain last year, was : oats 65 bushels "wheat 30 bushels; potatoes 300 bushels; although some of my neighbours had "over six hundred; turnips, I should say about 750 bushels, I would much rather " take my chances here than to farm with the spade in any of the old countries. "If you doubt my words please come and see for yourself.

"JOHN BRYDON,

" Morris."

"Settlers should come without encumbering themselves with implements, "&c., &c., as everything can be had at a cheap figure. Oxen we deem advisable "to begin farming with.

"We expect to have a very plentiful garden supply this year though we sow-"ed in May and June, April being the usual time, yet all is coming on well. "Cucumbers growing in the open air, we have had already. Melons and tomatoes "we expect to have in any quantity, the end of this month or beginning of next. "Wild strawberries and raspberries, and many other kinds of fruit are to be had " in abundance.

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"The soil we find rich and capable of growing anything that we have yet "tried, and that without any trouble.

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"ANDRESS LAWSON,

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"Intending settlers should not bring the long handle Canadian Plough, as it "does not work well here, nor should they bring heavy iron axle waggons. The "best thing to bring is some improved stock cattle, sheep and pigs.

"CHAS. LOGAN, "Portage-La-Prairie."

"The weather in seeding as a rule is all that could be desired. Roots are "gathered the first week in October, when the weather is all that could be desir-"ed for the ingathering of the fruits of the soil. Prices of grain are good and "farmers are doing well.

"PETER FERGUSON, "Gladstone."

"I would recommend settlers to get oxen for breaking the soil. Horses cost "much more to keep as they require grain. Oxen can be worked on the grass "I am more in the stock line, and I can say the country is well adapted for "stock-raising. The pasturage could not be better. Abundance of hay all for "the cutting, and with a little care cattle winter well and come through in good "condition.

"D. F. KNIGHT, "Ridgeville."

"Would advise new settlers to buy oxen instead of horses, as they can be fed "chcaper and will do more work if well treated and fed on grass and good hay. "JAMES D. STEWART,

"Cook's Creek."

"I would advise any young man with good heart and \$300 to come to this " country, for in five years he can be independent.

"JOSHUA APPLEYARD, "Stonewall."

"I like the country well and would not change.

"JNO. KELLY,

"Morris."

"I have found the cold in winter no worse to stand here than in Ontario, be-" cause it is dry.

"WM. GREEN, "St. Agathe."

"The weather in April and May is usually dry and clear. A good deal of "rain in June followed by very dry fine harvest, which usually begins in the "second week in August. Have grown buckwheat successfully. Have seen "good crops of flax among the Mennonite settlers. Timothy and clover also do "well. Planted 20 appletrees two years ago which are growing very well.

"ARTHUR J. MOORE,

"Nelsonville."

"I cultivate wheat, seldom seeding with other grains. This season I com-"menced seeding on 10th April, season being backward did not finish seeding till "fifth May, and had then 80 acres under crop. Commenced harvest on 9th "August, expect an average of 30 bushels, and a better sample than any since "1873. Have broken up 100 acres more this season. A prompt attention to fall "ploughing is absolutely necessary for success. I am so well satisfied with my "experience of farming here that I intend opening up two other farms the coming "season.

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"Bring your energy and capital with you; leave your prejudice behind you. Do not bring too much baggage. Buy your implements after you arrive, they " are quite as cheap and better suited to the country. Be sure to locate a dry "farm. Break your land in the rainy season (June), when it ploughs easy and "rots well. Sow wheat, oats and potatoes. Barley don't do well on new land. " Take advice from old settlers. "ISAAC CASSON,

" Greenridge."

"I really think one cannot get a better farming country than this. I tell you, "Sir, I have cropped 5 acres of hand on my farm for six years successively with "out a rest, and this year a better crop I never sny. That is soil for you. I think "immigrants will be satisfied with this country when they come here. You can't "say too much in praise of it. I wish them all good luck that come this way. " All I say is come brother farmers, come and help us plough up this vast prairie " country. You can raise almost anything in this country.

"GEORGE TAYLOR, "Poplar Point, "Long Lake."

"I have run a threshing machine here for the last five or six years, and the " average of wheat is from 25 to 30 bushels, onts 40 to 60 bushels, and barley 30 " to 50.

"JABEZ GEO. BENT, " Cook's Creek."

"I have over 1,000 appletrees doing very well and also excellent black em-" rants.

"JAMES ARMSON, "High Bluff."

"I am not good with the pen, so excuse me, but tell them to buy oxen and go " at it with a will.

"ROBERT BLACK "Bird's Hill."

"Having only had two years' experience here, I (cannot do justice to the "country as I would like to do, for I believe it to be a good country. I was nine "years in Ontario, and in Ircland up to manhood, and I prefer this country before "either of them, taking the average of everything. The three crops I have seen "enables me to believe that any man that works in this country will like the " place, for he will have something for his trouble.

"EDWARD J. JOHNSTON,

"Springfield."

"Those who have no farms of their own come here and farm. Bring no " horses; oxen are the things for a new settler.

"JAMES AIRTH, "Stonewall."

"The weather both in spring time and harvest is very suitable for both oper-"ations. As a general rule the rainy season generally commences after seeding, "in Jun and settles again before harvest, and continues dry through the fall " and uttil snow sets in the latter end of November, allowing good time for fall " ploughing and threshing out grain.

"I would advise settlers in a general way to start with oxen, as they are less expensive in cost and keep the first year at a less risk than horses. I would "advise them not to bring any implements with them, but procure the best of all " classes here, as they are especially adapted for this country."

"JNO. FERGUSON,

"High Bluff."

"Flax and hemp have been grown successfully here, and manufactured by " hand, many years ago, both by myself and several other old settlers. I have 'hand, many years ago, boun of the feet high. 'seen stalks of hemp grow twelve feet high. 'JOHN SUTHERLAND, Senator,

"Kildonan."

"Wild hops grow to a larger size than I ever saw in any hop field in Ontario. "S. C. HIGGINSON, "Oakland."

"Any one who wants land this is the place

"ARCH. GILLESPIE, "Greenwood."

"Roots and vegetables can be grown here as well or even better than in " England, as that is our native place we should be able to judge.

"WILLIAM HAYWOOD, JAMES SWAIN,

" Morris."

"A farmer cannot make a mistake by settling here.

" NEIL MCLEOD, "Victoria."

"I never knew crops to fail, only when destroyed by Grasshoppers, and that was only twice that I know of during my lifetime,—now 50 years. I never took " any notice of the size of our vegetables until strangers began coming into the " country, who used to admire the growth of crops of all kinds Then I began to " think our country could hold its own with any country-yes, beat them too. If " our soil here was worked as folks tell me land is worked in other places the " crop would grow that rank that it never would mature to perfection.

> " ROBERT SUTHERLAND, " Portage-La-Prairie."

"I am well satisfied with climate, farming facilities, &c., and consider them " far ahead of where I came from.

" JAMES MATHEWSON, "Emerson."

"I would sooner live here, as I think I can do better than I could elsewhere. "ANDREW NELSON, "Stonewall."

" I consider this country the garden of the Dominion, and by all appearance "the granary, not only of the Dominion but of Great Britain. I have grown flax " here for several years; it grows equal to any I ever saw. I have grown timothy " here for several years; it grows equal to any 1 to a get acre. " for eight years and have got from two to three tons per acre. " THOS. DALZELL,

"High Bluff."

"I have been in this country nine years and I would not return to Ontario " or any part of Canada to make a living. I have prospered better here with less "manual labor or trouble than I could possibly do elsewhere. The soil is go od " the climate is excellent, and everything is in a prosperous condition.

"JAMES F. VIDAL, "Headingly."

"Any man with a family of boys as I have got, that intends living by farm-" ing and raising his boys to farm, is only fooling away his time in other places "when he can average a hundred per cent more each year with his labor here as "I have done. I have farmed in Europe, State of New York and Ontario, and "I can sav this safely. "Thos. H. ELLISON,

"Scratching River."

"I would not advise any man coming out here to farm to bring any more "luggage with him than he can actually help. I have sometimes weighed roots "here and found them to surpass any I ever grew in Canada. I do not think "there is any use telling the immigrants the weights as they will hardly believe "it. It is enough for them to know that this country can produce more to the " acre with less cultivation than any part of Canada."

" GEO. TIDSBURY, "High Bluff." " " 66

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"JAMES FULLERTON, "Cook's Creek."

"From what I have seen in other countries this is as good a place as any man can come to. For my part, I have done better here than I could ever do in any other country. I raised wheat here, and there have been men from Cailifornia and other places, looking at it, and they said they never saw anything like it before. One year I raised 35 bushels to the acre of Black Sea wheat, and I have raised wheat which stood 6½ feet high, and not one straw of it lay would be glad if half of the people of Ireland were here,—and they would then be in the best part of the world. Every one who comes here can de well if it is not their own fault.

"JAMES OWENS, "St. Anne, Pt.-Du-Chêne."

"Good advantages for settlers in this country; plenty of hay and pasturage. Can raise any quantity of stock without interfering with the grain crop. Good water and plenty of wood.

"JOHN HALL, St. Anne, Pt.-Du-Chêne."

"We think this country cannot be beat for farming, and farmers can raise all the stock they want and cost them nothing, as they can cut all the hay on the prairie they want for winter feed, and their cattle will grow fat on it if well watered and cared for.

"JAMES LAWRIE & BRO., "Morris."

"Any man with \$500, willing to work, can soon be independent here. "ALEX. ADAMS, "Clear Springs."

"I had twenty-eight acres in crop last year, and had eleven hundred bushels of grain of which I sold four hundred and fifty dollars' worth, besides having feed for my team and bread for my family.

"JAMES DAVIDSON, "High Bluff."

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We have not space to give all the evidence from farmers which we have received in favour of the country. We have given the names and addresses however of those who are willing to bear testimony, and it not only speaks well for the country but also for those farmers who can thus come forward and give evidence that they have prospered in the new land.

Wherever you go throughout this land you will find the settlers industrious, prosperous, and contented, enjoying the advantages of church worship, schools, and Post Office facilities, thanks to the energy of the authorities for extending the benefits of civilization as fast as new settlements are formed.

At present there is a good home market, and this is likely to continue for some time, while immigration goes on and public works are proceeded with, thus creating a large demand for produce.

In addition to this, however, the rapid construction of railways will give immediate facilities, so that between a home and foreign demand the farmers of the Canadian North-West can look forward to years of prosperity, having as they will, a fertile soil with willing hands to work it.

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# GUIDE FOR INTENDING EMIGRANTS.

The tollowing advantages are offered by the Dominion government to those who desire to settle in the Canadian North-West.

An officer of the Government, at Liverpool, will see the emigrants on board the ocean steamers in conditions to ensure their comfort and safety during the passage to America. He will render them any advice and assistance in his power.

The name and address of this officer is

JOHN DYKE,

15, Water Street, Liverpool.

This officer may be written to for any desired information respecting removal to Canada.

Intending settlers in the Canadian North-West will be met on their arrival, either at Quebec or Halifax, by a regularly authorized officer of the Dominion Government, who will at once take them in charge, have their luggage properly looked after, and will see them safely on board the railway train for the West.

Settlers' effects, in use, will be passed free 'through the Custom House, and any necessary bonding arrangements will be made, which will thus prevent any delay, inconvenience or loss occurring. Each passenger, before his departure from the port in Great Britain, should be provided with address cards as follow :--

Mr.....

of.....England,

passenger to Winnipeg, Manitoba, Canada.

.....IN BOND.....

And he should see that one is pasted on each of his packages of luggage.

Immediately on the arrival of the settlers in the Canadian North-West, the Dominion Government agents will see them properly accommodated, will direct them in the purchase of necessary articles, and will give them every information to assist them in choosing a good locality to settle in.

Under this system, intending settlers need have no apprehension in trusting themselves to the care of the Canadian Government, or of selecting the Canadian North-west as the country in which to take up homes.

For rates of passage it is better to apply to the agents of the steamships, or the nearest Dominion Agent, who will give all information and directions. LON

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The tollowing are the officers of the Dominion of Canada in Great Britain :---LONDON . . SIR CHARLES TUPPER, K.C.M.G., &c., Higa Commissioner for the Dominion, 10, Victoria Chambers, London, S. W. as above.) LIVERPOOL . MR. JOHN DYKE, 15, Water Street. GLASGOW . MR. THOMAS GRAHAME, 40, St. Enoch Square. BELFAST . . MR. CHARLES FOY, 29, Victoria Place. DUBLIN. . . MR. THOMAS CONNOLLY, Northumberland House, The following are the agents of the Canadian Government in Canada, — OTTAWA . MR. W. J. WILLS, Wellington Street, Ottawa, Ontario. TORONTO . . MR. J. A. DONALDSON, Strachan Avenue, Toronto, Ontario MONTREAL . MR. J. J. DALEY, Bonaventure Street, Montreal, Province of Quebec. KINGSTON . . MR. R. MACPHERSON, William Street, Kingston. HAMILTON . MR. JOHN SMITH, Great Western Railway Stetion, Hamilton. LONDON . . MR. A. G. SMYTH, London, Ontario. HALIFAX . . MR. E. CLAY, Halifax, Nova Scotia. ST. JOHN . . MR. S. GARDNER, St. John, New Brunswick. QUEBEC . . MR. L. STAFFORD, Point Levis, Quebec. WINNIPEG. . MR. W. C. B. GRAHAME, Winnipeg, Manitoba. EMERSON . MR. J. E. TETU, Emerson, Manitoba.

These Officers will afford the fullest advise and protection. They should be immediately applied to on arrival. All complaints should be addressed to them They will also furnish information as to Lards open for settlement in their respective Provinces and Districts, Farme for Sale, demand for employment, rates of wages, routes of travel, distances, expenses of conveyance, and \_will receive and forward letters and remittances for Settlers, &c., &c.

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# DOMINION LANDS REGULATIONS.

The following Regulations for the sale and settlement of Dominion Lands in the Province of Manitoba and the North-West Territories shall, on and after the first day of January, 1882, be substituted for the Regulations now in force, bearing date the twenty-fifth day of May last: e

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1. The surveyed lands in Manitoba and the North-West Territories shall, for the purpose of these Regulations, be classified as follows:

CLASS A. -Lands within twenty-four miles of the main line or any branch line of the Canadian Pacific Railway, on either side thereof.

CLASS B.—Lands within twelve miles, on either side, of any projected line of railway (other than the Canadian Pacific Rnilway), approved by Order-in Council published in the *Canada Gazette*.

CLASS C.—Lands south of the main line of the Canadian Pacific Railway not included in Class A or B.

CLASS D.-Land other than those in Classes A, B, and C.

2. The even-numbered sections in all the foregoing classes are to be held exclusively for homestends, and pre-emptions.

- a. Except in Class D, where they may be affected by colonization agreement, as hereinafter provided.
- b. Except where it will be necessary out of them to provide wood lots for settlers.
- c. Except in cases where the Minister of the Interior, under provisions of the Dominion Lands Acts, may deem it expedient to withdraw certain lands, and sell them at public anction or otherwise deal with them as the Governor-in-Council may direct.

3. The odd-numbered sections in Class A are reserved for the Canadian Pacific Railway Company.

4. The odd-numbered sections in Classes B and C shall be for sale at \$2.50 per acre, payable at the time of sale :

- a. Except where they have been or may be dealt with otherwise by the Governor-in-Council.
- 5. The odd-numbered sections in Class D shall be for sale at \$2 per acre, payable at time of sale :
- a. Except where they have been or may be dealt with otherwise by the Governor-in-Council.
- b. Except lands affected by colonization agreements, as hereinafter provided.

6. Persons who, subsequent to survey, but before the issue of the Order-in Council of 9th October, 1879, excluding odd-numbered sections from homestead entry, took possession of land in odd-numbered sections by residing on and cultivating the same, shall, if continuing so to occupy them, be permitted to obtain homestead and pre-emption entries as if they were on even-numbered sections.

#### PRE-EMPTIONS.

v. The prices for pre-emption lots shall be as follows :

For lands in Classes A, B, and C, \$2.50 per acre.

For lands in Class D, \$2.00 per acre.

Payments shall be made in one sum at the end of three years from the date of entry, or at such earlier date as a settler may, under the provisions of the Dominion Lands Acts, obtain a patent for the homestend to which such pre-emption lot belongs.

#### OFFICIAL NOTICE.

13. The Government shall give notice in the *Canada Gazette* of all agreements entered into for the colonization and settlement of tracts of land under the foregoing plaus, in order that the public may respect the rights of the purchasers.

### TIMBER FOR SETTLERS.

14. The Minister of the Interior may direct the reservation of any odd or even numbered section having timber upon it, to provide wood for homestead settlers on sections without it; and each such settler may, where the opportunity for so doing exists, purchase a wood lot, not exceeding 20 acres, at the price of \$5 per acre in each.

15. The Minister of the Interior may grant, under the provisions of the Dominion Lands Acts, licenses to cut timber on lands within surveyed townships. The lunds covered by such licenses are thereby withdrawn from homestead and preemption entry and from sale.

#### PASTURAGE LANDS.

16. Under the authority of the Act 44 Victoria, Chap. 16, leases of tracts for grazing purposes may be granted on the following conditions :

- a. Such leases to be for a period not exceeding twenty-one years, and no single lease shall cover a greater area than 100,000 acres.
- 1. In surveyed territory, the land embraced by the lease shall be described in townships and sections. In unsurveyed territory, the party to whom a lease may be promised shall, before the issue of the lease, cause a survey of the tract to be made, at his own expense, by a Dominion Lands Surveyor, under instructions from the Surveyor-General; and the plan and field notes of such survey shall be deposited on record in the Department of the Interior.
- **c** The lessee shall pay an annual rental at the rate of \$10 for every 1,000 acress embraced by his lease, and shall, within three years from the granting of the lease, place on the tractione head of cattle for every ten acres of hand embraced by the lease, and shall during its term maintain cattle thereon in at least that proportion.
- **d.** After placing the prescribed number of cattle upon the tract leased, the lessee may purchase land within his leasehold for a home farm and so cat, paying therefor \$2.00 per acre in cash
- e. Failure to fulfil any of the conditions of his lease shall subject the tessee to forfeiture thereof.

17. When two or more parties apply for a grazing lease of the same land tenders shall be invited, and the lease shall be granted to the party offering the highest premium therefor in addition to the rental. The said premium to be paid before the issue of the lease.

#### GENERAL PROVISIONS.

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# By order, .

# LINDSAY RUSSELL,

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Surveyor General.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR, Ottawa, 23rd December, 1881.

