

WESTERN CANADA.

One of the Choice Spots on the Continent Open for Settlement.

The following extracts from an interesting letter to the Mason City (Iowa) Republican, written by Mrs. S. A. Brigham, late of that place, but now of Ross Creek, Alberta, Canada, so nearly describes most of the districts of Western Canada that we take pleasure in presenting same to the attention of our readers:

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Crop Prospects and Climate About Edmonton, N. W. T.

[Interesting letter from Mrs. S. A. Brigham, late of Mason City.]
Editor Mason City Republican.

Ross Creek, Alberta, N. W. T., Canada, Aug. 7, 1899.

Dear Sir:

We are located in the Beaver Hills, 30 miles from Ft. Saskatchewan and 50 miles from Edmonton. To the east of these is an immense area of bottom lands, which furnishes abundance of hay for the settlers. It is dotted with small lakes, the largest of which is called Beaver Lake, 16 miles in length.

There is shelter for the cattle and horses now feeding there.

The Beaver Hills are covered with small green willows which are easily gotten rid of before breaking up the land. Here and there poplar, birch and tamarack trees abound. Small meadows are numerous. The soil in these hills is much richer than the bottom lands, being a kind of black leaf mould. There is no tough sod to break and it is very productive. Wheat, oats and barley do finely, and vegetables are the finest that can be grown. Potatoes especially are large and solid, easily producing from 200 to 300 bushels per acre, and best of all never a "taty bug" to wrestle with. Wild fruit—strawberries, gooseberries, saskatoons (or pine berries), raspberries and cranberries—are found in the hills. Small tame fruit does finely; the red and white currants in my garden are as large again as common sized ones.

We have long days during the months of June and July, one can see to read many evenings until 10 o'clock in the twilight. Some nights less than 3 hours of darkness and the birds are singing at 2 o'clock. Then again, it rains so easily. You look toward the west and see a little cloud coming up, a gentle shower follows, the sun shines forth again, and in a little while you forget it has rained.

Cyclones are unknown here and the thunder and lightning is very light. We had two storms this summer accompanied with wind and hail, but nothing to lodge the grain. The average heat is about 78 degrees. We had three or four days in July at 90. The nights are always cool.

The winter season is one of great activity. All the fencing is gotten out then and logs for the farm buildings. By paying 25 cents you are granted a permit at the land office to cut logs upon vacant lands. The roads are good and smooth, for the snow never drifts, not even around the buildings, and this is a great saving of time to the farmer. Hay is hauled from the bottom lands all winter long, and a man can work outside every day as far as the weather is concerned. There are cold snaps when it reaches 40 and 48 below zero, but the lack of wind prevents one realizing it and the mountains 150 miles west of us are a great protection.

Our neighbors are mostly Canadian, Scotch, Swede, and we have a nice sprinkling of people from the States.

The creeks abound in small fish. We are now in the midst of hay-making (Aug. 7th). Wheat will not be cut until early September, this being a little later season than common, but the crop will be immense. I send you a sample of wheat and barley—its height is almost even with my shoulders, average 50 inches. Newcomers lacking binders can hire their grain cut for 75 cents per acre. Prairie chickens are here by the thousands.

The water is good. We have a fine well 15 feet deep. In the creeks the water is soft and of a yellowish colour. Then again we are surrounded with bachelors; we have no less than 18 single men in this neighbourhood, on matrimony bent. When a feminine gender of any age between 14 and 40 visits these hills we pity her, so great is the demand for her company.

In conclusion, if the remainder of our loved ones were here with us, we should better enjoy life on Ross Creek, and unless the unexpected develops, consider this will be a pretty fair place to end our days.

MRS. S. A. BRIGHAM.

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Every man thinks that only those whom he owes want to settle.—Washington (Ia.) Democrat.

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Not need, but pride, keeps us poor.—Ram's Horn.

GAMING IN ENGLAND.

How the Betting Mania Has Grown Among All Sorts and Conditions of Men.

"In my opinion," said Mr. Gladstone, "there can be no words too strong for denouncing suitably the abominable practice of gambling." A sweeping assertion truly, yet none who has studied the subject can regard it as a degree too sweeping. Today the gaming problem threatens us with a graver menace than perhaps ever before. Never has it so permeated the whole of our national life; never has it stood so safely under the protection of the law as it does today. Recent judicial decisions have given professional gamblers freedom which even ten years ago would have seemed incredible.

In the early part of this century the betting mania was confined within comparatively limited circles; to-day it burns like a fever in every vein of the body politic. There is hardly a class or a section of the community that does not, week by week, almost day by day, yield its tribute of ruined lives, of blasted honor, of broken reputations, of shattered homes to the craze. The foremost gentleman of the land is the leading patron of the turf; members of the privy council take chief part in the committee of the Jockey club; more than one of our great judges are noted for their regular attendance at all the principal race meetings. From the highest to the lowest it is much the same in every class. There is hardly a workroom or office in which betting is not one of the two principal subjects of conversation. In East End streets you see the ragged babies seated on the curbstones, with their shoeless feet in the muddy gutters, playing with toy cards for farthing stakes. The older boys amuse themselves with pitch and toss, carefully delegating one of their party as watchman, to proclaim the approach of a policeman.

In the factories of the north and of the Midlands girls and women are the most eager and enthusiastic gamblers. The growth of the working-woman gambler is one of the saddest features of all. A few weeks ago a woman was arrested as a bookmaker. Every now and then a case comes in the police courts of a domestic servant who stole her master's money to "have a bit on her fancy." Recently it was shown in court that a woman had sold her very clothes to gamble. The gambling business is organized as perhaps no other in this country is. There are at least 10,000 bookmakers who live off it—parasites on our national life. They have their touts inside or outside of every workroom, who literally force themselves on the young mechanic or factory hand. In government departments, such as Woolwich arsenal, it has been found necessary to take the most elaborate precautions to stop the work of these touts, so patent is the ruin they effect.—Puritan.

Old-Time Apple Dumplings.

To make old-time apple dumplings take one quart of flour, add three teaspoonfuls of baking powder, a level teaspoonful of salt, a heaping tablespoonful of lard; mix with milk, roll out, spread lightly with butter, roll out again, and keep on doing this until a tablespoonful of butter has been worked in. Roll out half an inch thick, cut in squares large enough to cover an apple, place a cored and pared apple in each square, gather up the corners, pinch and bake. To make them brown, brush with white of egg when nearly done.

THE GENERAL MARKETS.

Kansas City, Mo., Jan. 20.	
CATTLE—Beef steers	34.50 @ 5.75
Stockers	3.50 @ 5.15
Texans	3.90 @ 4.40
HOGS	3.70 @ 4.75
SHEEP	4.00 @ 5.50
WHEAT—No. 2 red	70 @ 71
No. 2 hard	63 1/2 @ 63
CORN—No. 2 mixed	28 1/2 @ 29
OATS—No. 2	23 1/2 @ 24
RYE—No. 2	51 1/2 @ 52
FLOUR—Patent per bbl.	3.25 @ 3.40
Straights	2.70 @ 2.80
HAY—Choice timothy	9.00 @ 9.50
Fancy prairie	6.75 @ 7.00
BRAN (sacked)	61 1/2 @ 62 1/2
BUTTER—Fancy to extra	18 @ 23
CHEESE—Full cream	11 1/2 @ 12
EGGS	11 1/2 @ 12
POTATOES—Home grown	30 @ 40
ST. LOUIS.	
CATTLE—Beeves	3.25 @ 6.40
Texans	3.60 @ 4.85
HOGS—Packers	4.60 @ 4.80
SHEEP—Muttons	4.50 @ 5.50
FLOUR—Extra fancy	3.10 @ 3.15
WHEAT—No. 2 hard	66 @ 63
CORN—No. 2 mixed	30 1/2 @ 31
OATS—No. 2	24 @ 24 1/2
RYE—No. 2	52 @ 52 1/2
BUTTER—Creamery	20 @ 25
LARD—Prime steam	5 @ 5 1/2 @ 5 3/4
PORK	10 25 @ 11 25
CHICAGO.	
CATTLE—Beeves	4.00 @ 6.25
HOGS—Mixed and butchers	4.00 @ 4.90
SHEEP—Native wethers	4.50 @ 5.10
FLOUR—Winter patents	3.40 @ 3.60
WHEAT—No. 2 red	69 1/2 @ 70
CORN—No. 2	31 1/2 @ 32
OATS—No. 2	23 @ 24
RYE—May	53 1/2 @ 54
LARD	5 @ 80
PORK	10 @ 55
NEW YORK.	
CATTLE—Steers	4.70 @ 6.25
HOGS—Common to choice	5.00 @ 5.25
SHEEP—Common to choice	3.75 @ 5.50
WHEAT—No. 2 red	75 1/2 @ 77 1/2
CORN—No. 2	40 1/2 @ 42
OATS—No. 2	29 1/2 @ 29 1/2

Artificial Sight.

A Russian inventor has perfected an electrical appliance, which he claims will enable the blind to see. This will bring much happiness to those who have defective eyesight. Another great discovery which will bring much happiness to those whose stomachs have become deranged is Hostetter's Stomach Bitters. It has made a world wide reputation for itself as a certain cure for such ailments as indigestion, dyspepsia, constipation, biliousness and malaria, fever and ague.

A Modest Request.

Ambition is an admirable trait, but it is not the single qualification for success. Among highly ambitious youths must be numbered a German who for several years had been apprenticed to a cooper. The young man felt that constant cooping was not compatible with his hopes for the future. Accordingly, after deliberation, a few months ago he addressed a letter to the head of the great Rothschild banking house at Frankfurt, setting forth at some length his strong dislike for his trade, and asking to be accepted as "an apprentice millionaire," promising diligence and all application in learning "the business." The young man is still a cooper.—Youth's Companion.

\$100 Reward \$100.

The readers of this paper will be pleased to learn that there is at least one dreaded disease that science has been able to cure in all its stages, and that is Catarrh. Hall's Catarrh Cure is the only positive cure known to the medical fraternity. Catarrh being a constitutional disease, requires a constitutional treatment. Hall's Catarrh Cure is taken internally, acting directly upon the blood and mucous surfaces of the system, thereby destroying the foundation of the disease, and giving the patient strength by building up the constitution and assisting nature in doing its work. The proprietors have so much faith in its curative powers that they offer One Hundred Dollars for any case that it fails to cure. Send for list of testimonials. Address F. J. Cheney & Co., Toledo, O. Sold by Druggists, 75c. Hall's Family Pills are the best.

It All Depends.

"I suppose you are a believer in harmony," said the garrulous barber. "Sometimes I am and sometimes I am not," replied the local politician. "How is that?" queried the knight of the lather brush. "Well, take your business for example," answered the l. p. "I fail to see just why you and your razor should pull together."—Chicago Evening News.

Give the Children a Drink

called Grain-O. It is a delicious, appetizing, nourishing food drink to take the place of coffee. Sold by all grocers and liked by all who have used it, because when properly prepared it tastes like the finest coffee but is free from all its injurious properties. Grain-O aids digestion and strengthens the nerves. It is not a stimulant but a health builder, and children, as well as adults, can drink it with great benefit. Costs about as much as coffee. 15 and 25c.

Unconscious Plagiarism.

Crimsonbeak—How history does repeat itself, doesn't it? Yeast—What now? "Why, in our town we had a piano concert the other night and the artist's name was Prof. Gridley. When the manager was ready to start the show he shouted: 'You may bang away when ready, Gridley!'"—Yonkers Statesman.

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THE NERVES OF WOMEN

Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound Relieves the Suffering from Overwrought Nerves.

"DEAR MRS. PINKHAM:—I am so grateful for the benefit derived from the use of Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound that I wish you to publish this testimonial that others may know the value of your medicine. I was suffering such tortures from nervous prostration that life was a burden. I could not sleep at all and was too weak to walk across the floor without aid. The disease had reached a condition where my heart was affected by it, so that often I could not lie down at all without almost suffocating. I took Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound and it worked like magic. I feel that your medicine has been of inestimable benefit to me."—MISS ADELE WILLIAMSON, 196 N. Boulevard, Atlanta, Ga.


Thin, Sallow and Nervous
"DEAR MRS. PINKHAM:—I was thin, sallow and nervous. I had not had my menses for over a year and a half. Doctored with several physicians in town and one specialist, but did not get any better. I finally decided to try your medicine, and wrote to you. After I had taken three bottles of Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound and three of Blood Purifier, my menses returned, and I feel as well and strong as I ever did, and am gaining flesh."—MISS LENA GAINES, Visalia, Tulare Co., Cal.

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Jan. 11, 1900. SAMUEL SPEEGLE, Falkville, Ala.
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