

### A Pleased Settler.

JUDGE TIPTON GIVES A GOOD ACCOUNT OF THE NORTHWEST TO NEBRASKA FRIENDS.

(From the Manitoba Free Press.)

Judge Tipton, who settled at South Edmonton last year, has written a letter to friends in his old home in Nebraska, giving a very fine account of the Canadian Northwest and the great possibilities awaiting earnest and determined men. In concluding his letter he says:

"I am glad I am here. I am happier and better contented. I am out in the wild country and close to nature and have my family with me in good health. The problem of life with me has been the leading question in my mind for a number of years. The American flag has always been dear to my heart and is yet, but the prosperity of my family is more dear. The condition of things in the United States for many years past has tended toward monopoly and depression. The very rich have been growing richer, and the poor, poorer, while the middle classes are hanging on by the eyebrows, not knowing where they were at. In that country cussedness runs riot, and force of character has nothing to do with getting on in the world, only that the 'biggest thief was the biggest fellow.' The newspapers show that they are getting a few of the political pirates into the penitentiary now, but the sad commentary on the moral condition of things is that the outside is manufacturing them faster than the court can accommodate them. Time once was in that land when a man's moral character was the index to his social and political standing; but not so now. One of the things that I have always been anxious to avoid was the necessity for my boys to be tied down to spend their days toiling for some corporation. I now have them here in a new country with all its splendid resources. I hope to be able to get them a home where they can grow up with the country and try and become useful citizens as God intended they should be. I want to see them have a farm each, before I die, free from all debt, so that they can always have a place where they can call it home, and raise enough to live on, and never be the subservient slave of any corporation or anybody. Then their time is their own, and what they make of it is wholly dependant upon the energy they employ and the effort they put forth. There is land open for homestead entry here yet, and land can be bought of the railway company on long time and low rate of interest for \$3 per acre. But common sense and the experience I have had in the different parts of the world teach me that this condition cannot last long. I expect to see the day when this land will all bring from \$25 to \$30 per acre. The soil is strong and productive, and will produce twice as much per acre as the Nebraska land. Now with the fine climate and abundance of water and with plenty of wood, coal and building timber on every hand, what is to hinder this from outstripping the older competitors for natural greatness and prosperity? There is a good opening here for anybody in any capacity, if they only want to come and go to work with a will and a determination. We want to see all of our friends come, and will welcome them with open arms."

### The Application of Manures.

Wherever experiments have been carefully made the results have been to show that the value of manure to a plant is in reverse proportion to the depth at which it has been placed in the earth. The nearer the surface the more effective the manure. This, explains *Meehan's Monthly*, arises from the fact that the feeding roots of a plant are nearly always at the surface. Manure has to be acted upon by the gases of the atmosphere before the plant can develop any benefit from it, and the roots seem to understand this and come near the surface where the atmospheric air can operate on the food they have to collect. While this is an abstract principle, the best system of applying manure is by top dressing. There is the counter trouble of evaporation, and some of the most desirable gases are lost by the top dressing system. On the whole, therefore, it has been found that the most judicious method of applying manure is to spread it on the surface and then rake it in.

One ounce of Scotch snuff to a pound of grease makes a good application for lice on cattle.

Shorts, corn and oats, with some oil meal, will keep the fall pig growing during the winter.

Feeding cattle on a large scale cannot possibly be done so economically as on a small scale.

Lice and worms are the hog's great enemies. When changing hogs from one feed to another it should be done with some care, as well as with other animals.

### Frightened Away.

THE FIRST MAN HE MET IN THE ALASKA GOLD-FIELDS SCARED HIM OFF.

"No," said the man who was sitting on a box in front of the grocery store, "I can't say as I know very much about Alaska."

His companions looked at him in astonishment. It was the first time he had ever admitted not knowing much about anything.

"I reckon, then, that you're not thinking about going to dig for gold," said one by-stander.

"No."

"Mebbe, though, as the stories of sudden wealth keep pouring in you'll change your mind," said another.

"It won't be possible. I've been there."

"And came back without getting rich?"

"Yes. I didn't much more than cross the boundary line before I turned around and struck for home."

"Scared?"

"That's the answer."

"What of—polar bears?"

"No."

"Supplies give out?"

"No, I had plenty of food. What changed my mind was seeing a man digging a hole. I had these ideas about gold being found anywhere and everywhere, and I went up thinking to get some points about mining. I asked him in an offhand way whether he had struck any pay dirt yet, and he turned around and glared at me and said, 'Young feller, what do you think I am digging this for?' I told him I thought he was digging for gold. He glared at me again and said: 'Gold nothing. I'm doing this for fun. I've been living here for four years, and there's one thing that my curiosity has never been satisfied about. I'm going to dig this hole good and deep so as to allow plenty of room, and then find out just how far down this climate will make the mercury go.'—*Washington Star*.

### Those Fresh Quail.

"Hear about Boseler's last play to curry favor with the old man?"

"No. Always at it, isn't he? If that fellow doesn't become a partner, it will not be through any lack of effort to insinuate himself into the good graces of the boss. What has he done now?"

"You know that the old gentleman's been sick for a week or two and confined to the house. Boseler cabled every day to make enquiries, and finally decided on a master stroke. He took a couple of days off, fitted himself out like a veteran hunter and went out into the country for quail. He couldn't have hit a flock of barns, and after keeping up a cannonading until his shoulder ached and his eyes were inflamed from smoke he gave it up. Going to a sort of guide and professional hunter in the neighborhood, he arranged for him to express some quail to the old man, insisting that they be fresh and good or he would insist on having his money back."

"Then Boseler wrote the boss a note. It stated that he had shot the game after a good deal of trouble, that he was sure the invalid would enjoy it, and that it was a pleasure to be able to supply the reasonable delicacy."

"But wait. Boseler was hardly back at his desk, and was not through patting himself on the back when he received an acknowledgment from the old man. It simply said: 'Those quail so kindly shot for me escaped and flew away as soon as the cook opened the box. You write better than you shoot.'"

"Boseler was so insistent about having the birds fresh that his man made sure by sending them in alive."—*Detroit Free Press*.

### The New Lawyer.

Soon after Jim's admission as a learned counsellor an old neighbor, to give him a start, gave him a lot of hard claims to collect, telling him he could have half that was collected. Jim soon received half that was due from one of the debtors, and was called on a little later by his client for his share of the money.

"Your half?" said the astute lawyer. "I didn't collect your half. I only collected mine."

The astonished old patron said: "Why, Jim, I don't understand such proceedings."

But the lofty reply was: "There is a heap of law you don't understand. I tell you, old fellow, this law is a powerful thing."

"Now I'm going to read you a pretty story, dear, about the garden of Eden."

"Oh, mummy, please, not that one. I'm so tired of that story of the Adam's."

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Edith (coming back)—No, mamma, it is standing quite still, only its tail is wagging a little.

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