

The Great North-West.

To the Editor of the Herald:

Dear Sir,—I have been requested to send a few lines to some of the leading papers with which I was acquainted in Ont. in regard to the N. W. T. more especially in regard to the climate, as the winters of this country seem to be a great drawback, and to do so, I must first say, that I have lived for some four or five years in Wood-bridge, I cannot do better than address you these few lines as I know your paper well, and where I am known, my word will be taken better than with strangers as there are so many leave Ont. and send home such wild accounts of what this country is, and what it will be, that anything of this stamp is taken at a discount by strangers. However, what I say here I am prepared to back up with the fullest and strongest proof necessary. Proof that will convince the most sceptic mind. I am not paid to puff up the country, I came here to see for myself what this country was. I have been here, now, nine months, and I speak as I find things. I will not go into an account of the land nor yet will I tell your readers of the progress of the York Colony, they are all acquainted with these facts some time ago. It is the climate, I purpose, speaking of, but will answer any question that I may be asked either privately or through the press. I arrived in the York Colony the first of May, where I found beautiful spring weather, the farmers having their spring wheat sown, and up nicely through the ground. The clearness of the air is about the best thing a new comer will notice; there is always a clear and a very dry air on through the summer. We get the wet season, but even then it is clear, and very pleasant; there is one objection to the warm one gets of a shower in this country, it is a trifle short, and when it does rain it does not start in the morning and continue till night, it appears to gather all ready to start to rain, and then the bottom drops out; it rains very heavy for a short time, but is all over, and the sun shining in less than an hour. The wet season does not last more than perhaps one month, and then it is dry again as before. The days are very long. Thus, the summer passes off, and a more pleasant autumn than was here this past year, is simply impossible. Talk of health! if a man is not healthy, let him take a trip out and shoot geese and duck in September, if that does not straighten him up, his case is a bad one, but I must, now, face the winter. Something, awful, the Ontario people think, and so it is, it is awful here, if I may judge by this one, so far, for I have no hesitation in saying that I never saw as fine a winter in Ontario. You cannot believe the one-half of the reports that are continually on the go in regard to the N. W. T.; one will make it too strong the one way, while others go to the other extreme. I will state a few facts from which you and your readers may form some idea of the cold, and first, how do the people that are here live? Last winter there were four men lived in a cabin only 14x18; the walls were made of poplar poles not more than six inches through, plastered with mud, some brush thrown on the roof, and a few sods over the top of that, and not a sign of a floor. The bare ground was their floor for that long winter, yet they did not freeze, but came out this spring like larks fresh and hearty. This winter, I do not know of a house with a double-door, and but few double-windows, plenty of the houses being put up lately. The logs are budding on the inside. I can get anywhere six inches long in my boarding-house, and in several places the plaster has fallen off until you can see outside. And now, in conclusion, let me say that there has not been one day here this winter that a man could not work outside. Our worst days are when we get a south wind, they will chill a man some times. I have seen nothing in the shape of a blizzard yet, and I can find cattle and horses on this Colony, that have never been in a stable this winter, and are in good order. And now, if there is any question or questions that parties would like to ask, I will be glad to answer to the best of my ability. Hoping, you will not consider me intruding too much on your valuable space. I remain, yours, etc., ALEX. ALLAN, Yorkton, P. O., (via) Broadview, Ass., N. W. T. Jan. 29th, 1884.

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