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Facts Regarding North Dakota

Interview With W. C. Gilbreath, Commissioner of Agriculture for the State of North Dakota.

Words From a Man Who Has Made Many Years' Study of True Conditions of the "Flickertail State."

Special Correspondence.

Bismarck, N. D., April 27.—Every farmer and homeseeker in the northwestern and middle states has undoubtedly been reading from week to week, the strong and able articles that have been prepared by W. C. Gilbreath, commissioner of agriculture for the state of North Dakota.

We got here, about \$1,600. With this I bought a half section of land, and you can think for yourself what good land this is, when I tell you we already five years ago had everything paid off, and bought another half section of land, and now have in all a whole section, or 540 acres. Our land with the house, barn and granary, and stock is now worth in the market today \$10,000. We have a comfortable house, built of stone, a barn also built of stone, which is 80 feet long and 33 feet wide, a granary of stone, which is 80 feet long and 20 feet wide, seventy-five head of cattle, ten horses. This year we raised 2,188 bushels of wheat (of which I sold \$1,900 worth, keeping enough for seed and family use)—1,222 bushels of corn, considerable crop of potatoes. In the meantime we have sold considerable butter and eggs, and this fall sold \$25 worth of cabbage.

"In the fall I dug a good cellar and built our house, 16x24, and built a lean on the barn, 14x24; built a sod henhouse, a sod cow barn 20x40, had a well dug and have splendid water. "In the spring I had forty acres ready for a crop and we were well pleased with the first crop. Our wheat yielded fifteen bushels an acre. Oats, thirty bushels and corn twenty-five bushels, and all ripened well. We have a splendid soil and it will produce anything when well rotted and taken care of.

"The fuel question is simply wonderful. We can buy coal for \$1.25 a ton or we can dig it ourselves. It costs nothing. What more can a man ask for? "I cut and put up about two hundred tons of hay; hired a man two weeks. Our stock will keep and fatten on this hay as well as the clover in the east on timothy hay and clover and ground feed.

"We have now twenty-four head of cattle and eight horses. The mail passed our house six times in a week. We can count about forty houses from our place now, and it is no uncommon thing to count from twenty to thirty teams as they pass by. "In conclusion, let me say to all the renters in the east, make a strike; do it now; pull out and get a home. And to those that are looking for an investment you can never find a better place to invest your money than here. Our only regret is we did not come here ten years ago."

Government Land. There are thousands of acres of government land open for settlement. These are some of the best lands as can be found in the state. The cost for filing on these lands is nominal. No greater opportunity ever presented itself to secure a home at so small a cost.

Conclusion. Sworn statistics show the productiveness of the soil. Letters from residents with whom we correspond, give their experiences and the result of their efforts. Cities, villages and farmhouses are springing up as if by magic, attesting the fact that the tide of immigration is turning to the fertile prairies of North Dakota. Investors are realizing the increasing values of real estate; homeseekers are coming by trainloads to secure new homes; railroad companies are proposing and building new roads; wholesale houses are being established at different cities and towns and manufacturers are seeing the importance and financial advantage of opening factories and supplying the people with their products in this growing, prosperous and rapidly populating state.

Homeseekers and investors who read the foregoing can have absolute faith in anything that Mr. Gilbreath says, as he is thoroughly conversant with every condition that exists in North Dakota and is known throughout the great northwest as a man of the strictest integrity, and one in whom absolute faith can be reposed. —Ward D. Williams.

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North Dakota

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MR. FARMER, here is a money-making home for you. 600 acres, one mile from Valley City, 350 under cultivation, balance timber and meadow. 160 fenced, fair buildings of all kinds, spring, well and river water. R. F. D. and rural phone. Price \$40 per acre.

Cass County, North Dakota

This 160 Acres is already in crop. There is little to be done between now and harvest time, and still we offer you ONE-FOURTH THE CROP.

Cass county is the best known of North Dakota counties. It is in the heart of the Red River valley, and Fargo, its county seat, is the metropolitan of the state. Wheat, oats, barley, fax, corn, millet and potatoes are the principal crops. Field and garden vegetables grow large and excellent in quality. Sheep-raising is carried on with marked success, and is constantly increasing in importance. Cattle are also furnished to farmers to raise on shares. Fargo has the best railroad connections of any city in the valley; the third largest machinery trade of any city in the United States, irrespective of size; the largest manufacturing and jobbing business of any city in the valley; the finest buildings; eleven and one-half miles of electric street railway; eleven miles of paved streets; sixteen miles of water mains and fourteen miles of sewers. The city is lighted by electricity and gas.

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\$18.75 buys good half-section farm, near Carrington, N. D. (county seat town), soil A1, fair buildings, 180 acres cultivated, balance meadow and prairie. Call & SVAZ. If you want this you must hurry. Write Traverse Land Co., Wheaton, Minn. Drop Payments 800-acre improved farm, 600 acres cultivated, 200 acres fenced, meadow, splendid buildings, good water, 5 miles from town. \$23.50 per acre. Now get this quick. D. W. CLARK, VALLEY CITY, N. D.

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RANSOM COUNTY AT THE FRONT

In Stock-Growing and Dairying—The Growth in These Industries Has Been Phenomenal.

Special Correspondence.

Lisbon, N. D., April 27.—For a long time I have been impressed with the growth of the stock and dairy industries of Ransom county, but until a few days since had no data on which to base any figures. The Adams & Frees company of Lisbon, the largest owners of farm lands in southeastern North Dakota, have been keeping very close tabs on these lines, and from them I learn that the shipments of livestock for market from Lisbon in 1903 were only 30 cars; in 1904 they were 85 cars, and in the first three months of 1905 have been 50 cars from Lisbon alone. They inform me that in addition to these shipments, as many more have been shipped from stations other than Lisbon.

the shipments for the balance of the year are even normal, they will reach for the year 1905 125 cars from Lisbon alone. Five creameries are in successful operation in this county, and the farmers are fully appreciating the profit in cream. The history of all new states has been that when its farmers cease raising wheat exclusively and commence stockraising and dairying, its farmers grow wealthy and its lands advance in value rapidly. Ransom county is just at that stage now where its lands are stable in value and are increasing in price rapidly. The Adams & Frees company inform me that their business has been larger this far this year than for the same period since they commenced business twenty-two years ago, and they look for a constant and rapid advance for years to come. I believe from my observation of country generally thought of as strictly a wheat country, and a comparison of the figures for the three years given show the rapid increase. If

SEPT. 15, 1905, is the day you can get returns and celebrate if you buy the following before May 20th: 320 acres with buildings, and you get half of 200 acres crop, price \$31.33 per acre, 320 acres with buildings, you get half of 175 acres crop, \$27.50 per acre. Don't write unless you mean business. R. R. fund refunded to buyer. Thomas J. Baird Investment Co. LAKOTA, N. DAK.

Ellsworth & Jenkins, Fargo, North Dakota,

Offer the following farms as a sample of some of the bargains they have for sale in the RED RIVER VALLEY, lands that are in the valley proper:

- 320 acre farm, located 5 miles north of Fargo, good house, barn and granary, small pasture; 300 acres plowed and seeded into crop. The land is rich black loam with a black soil two and one-half to three feet deep, underlaid with a yellow clay sub-soil; rented for one-half of the crop; 220 acres seeded to wheat, balance oats. Price \$35.00 per acre, cash payment of \$2500 down, balance on long time terms to suit purchaser. 180 acre farm located 12 miles northeast of Fargo; one-half mile from the Buffalo river, three miles from a small station on the Great Northern; every acre under cultivation; rich black soil with yellow clay sub-soil; a nice, neat house, barn and granary; good well of water; in a first-class neighborhood, for \$32.00 per acre; terms, \$1,500.00 cash, balance long time at 6 per cent interest. 160 acres of land 3 1/2 miles from the City of Fargo; all under cultivation, 80 acres seeded to tame grass; small set of buildings. Price \$31.00 per acre, \$2000.00 cash.

Write us for our monthly bargain list. We have got some snaps to offer. Ellsworth & Jenkins, Fargo National Bank Building, FARGO, NORTH DAKOTA.

THE POINT IS That Ransom County is no doubt as good if not the best in the state; that you are going to be done with your spring work in a few days. You have read and heard all kinds of statements about Ransom county and North Dakota. Now, if we cannot demonstrate the truth of our statements, we must lose. Take a chance—come and see for yourself—if you buy, we will rebate the price of your fare. Write us so we can secure railroad rates for you. Fine well improved section farm, three miles from Dawson, Kidder Co., N. D.; 500 acres under cultivation, all level tillable land, good water, and cheap range adjoining soil \$3,000 worth of live stock, horses, cattle and sheep, and all necessary farming machinery, household furniture, and everything complete. All goes for \$18.00 per acre. A great bargain. BOURKE'S LAND LOAN AND INSURANCE AGENCY, Lisbon, North Dakota.

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