

# North Dakota Attracting Thousands of Homeseekers

## North Dakota's Record as A Great Producer of Corn

### Thirty Good Crops in Thirty-three Years—Best Types of Livestock Grown in All Parts of the State.

James Holes, who opened the first farm in North Dakota, says: "Of the thirty-three years I have grown corn in North Dakota I have had but three failures. These were from August frosts. The average date of frost has been Sept. 12. In 1903 it was Sept. 18, and in 1902, Sept. 17. Only one day shy of the average, but the corn was kept back by the cold summer. In ordinary seasons corn is out of the way before Sept. 11. In 1888 crops stood still two or three weeks in midsummer, but frost came about the middle of August, and the corn there was ruined everywhere. But that was only one out of thirty-one years. Two other years the corn and the very late grains have been caught by frost, but that is all. There has been no failure from drought.

I see you wisely warn people not to think of the corn crop as a sure thing, but I see you do not raise such crops, but we do raise a good and profitable crop of corn almost every year.

#### Naturally Adapted to Stock.

The entire state is adapted to the growth and development of the best types of livestock, from the rich farming lands of the Red River valley on the eastern border to the so-called Bad Lands, or broken country, on the state's western slope.

In the eastern portion of the state livestock can be raised in the usual manner practiced by farming communities. As one goes west, the altitude increases from 903 feet above sea level at the Red river to 2,403 feet at Dickinson on the Northern Pacific railroad and 2,784 feet at the summit of the Bad Lands.

#### What North Dakota Offers.

North Dakota offers a splendid climate, one of the most productive soils in the world, cheap fuel, fine water, good American communities, every so-

cial and commercial advantage. North Dakota when compared with Ohio, Illinois and Iowa, shows hogs, horses sheep and cattle for every 100 inhabitants as follows:

	Hogs	Horses	Cattle	Sheep
North Dakota	113	234	236	236
Ohio	68	19	47	93
Illinois	108	23	47	93
Iowa	108	23	47	93

So rapid has been the settlement in the western part of the state, and so great has been the demand for lands, that a new land district has been created, known as the Dickinson district. The new office was opened for business July 1, 1904, and there has been a greater demand than ever for these lands, as nowhere in the country can better homesteads be procured, and nowhere can lands be diversified farming be secured on such favorable terms.

#### One Year's Production.

The state has an immense grain production each year. North Dakota marketed 53,892,193 bushels of wheat, 31,010,360 bushels of oats, 17,508,074 bushels of barley, 1,914,530 bushels of corn, 4,171 bushels of rye and 24,926 bushels of flax in 1904, the latter average yield being 15 bushels to the acre. The principal crops raised are wheat, alfalfa and standard tame hay. Small fruits and apples are successfully grown.

Potatoes, the best produced anywhere, yield an average of 400 bushels to the acre. Flax is sown on the new breaking. This crop is a disintegrator of the soil and leaves the ground in shape for wheat the next season. Wheat, of course, is the great crop and is carefully taken care of. Macaroni wheat, or durum, is becoming a favorite and often yields forty bushels to the acre. Oats often run as high as 100 bushels an acre.

Much of the lumber used here comes from the Pacific coast and the prices are much the same as in Iowa.

## You Can't Lose Ransom County, North Dakota

### Street, The Man That Does Things The County that Does Things and One of the Best in the Great Northwest.

Special Correspondence.

Lakota, N. D., May 29, 1905.—Out here on the line of the Great Northern railway, about twelve hours west of Minneapolis, is located the up-to-date little city of Lakota. Lakota is not as large as Minneapolis or St. Paul, but this little town is possessed of modern business blocks, well equipped stores, and a pushing, energetic class of business men that are alive to the opportunities and chances offered by the city and country. The county is populated by a class of farmers that came in from Indiana, Illinois, Ohio and the middle west, and the farm buildings and machinery and other homes reminds one of the splendid improvements in some of the best farms way back in Pennsylvania or New York state. Among the live ones in this section is Frank P. Root. Here is a man who is doing a giant's work in bringing in a desirable class of homeseekers into the county. Root is not only known locally, but has a reputation of being one of the square business men of the great northwest, and any homeseeker who does business with Frank P. Root will always be sure of getting everything that is coming to him. You cannot get him to talk about himself, but if it comes down to his town and county he can put a "loading gun" out of business and can prove by facts and figures every statement he makes. When Root advertises always has something definite to offer, and the homeseeker who goes east will spend one cent, they can obtain detailed information regarding Lakota and her county from Root that can be absolutely relied upon.

## Dickey County, North Dakota

### LOOKS LIKE A GARDEN OF EDEN

#### —NEW CROPS GROWING FINE AND A BUMPER CROP EXPECTED.

Special Correspondence.

Oakes, N. D., May 28, 1905.—Conditions in Dickey county were never better. The homeseekers who are all over covered with the beautiful green of early growing grains. The weather conditions, so far this spring, have been perfect, and every farmer in the county is already making good dollars to come from the bumper bumper crop the county or state has ever known. Flax, which has always been a big crop in this spring expect their flax crop alone to almost pay for their newly purchased farms. They base their judgment on the crops of the past year, which have been here for three or four years. One of the features which make Dickey county especially attractive to home and landseekers who are flocking to North Dakota is the complete road facilities. The Soo, Northern Pacific and North-Western systems all center to this city, with the very natural result that competitive tariffs obtain for all products which the farmer has to ship. This is a boon which no homeseeker can afford to overlook when seeking a new location. Oakes is favored with the most complete and the strictest integrity. There is a scarcity of the curbstone broker—the man who is a curse to the homeseeker.

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Liabon, N. D., May 29.—Your correspondent has been wondering the past week why it is that the renter and the small farmer in Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Minnesota and Wisconsin who are so quick to grab his plans and move to Ransom county, N. D. Here is the county most admirably located for diversified or mixed farming, the soil is a rich, heavy black loam, excelled by nothing in any of the states above mentioned, for the past seven or ten years these lands have been farmed by a reputable, intelligent class of farmers from these states who have demonstrated beyond any doubt the fertility of the soil, the excellence of the climate to produce a general variety of grains, grasses, fruits and vegetables, while the stock industry has met the most sanguine expectations. Here is a county where the acreage of arable lands is at a standstill and this acreage for some years must advance rapidly and permanently. There is an acreage of land whose soil is non-productive at the present time, this acreage can be made productive, and that, very productive by irrigation, but to make this land productive for agricultural purposes it will require a heavy expense and a number of years. The localized scheme of irrigation bears very little effect on the agricultural development, this can be made profitable and substantial, for the small fruit farms, but for agricultural sources it is ineffective. The large irrigation

scheme entails an enormous amount of money, running into the millions, a number of years to perfect the plan, and the farmer then dependent upon constant and regular flow, so it seems to your correspondent that the Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Minnesota and Wisconsin farmer, who is contemplating changing his operations from the high-priced lands of these states to a newer state or North Dakota, is lacking in good judgment if he does not quickly grab his plans and move to Ransom county, N. D. Here is the county most admirably located for diversified or mixed farming, the soil is a rich, heavy black loam, excelled by nothing in any of the states above mentioned, for the past seven or ten years these lands have been farmed by a reputable, intelligent class of farmers from these states who have demonstrated beyond any doubt the fertility of the soil, the excellence of the climate to produce a general variety of grains, grasses, fruits and vegetables, while the stock industry has met the most sanguine expectations. Here is a county where the acreage of arable lands is at a standstill and this acreage for some years must advance rapidly and permanently. There is an acreage of land whose soil is non-productive at the present time, this acreage can be made productive, and that, very productive by irrigation, but to make this land productive for agricultural purposes it will require a heavy expense and a number of years. The localized scheme of irrigation bears very little effect on the agricultural development, this can be made profitable and substantial, for the small fruit farms, but for agricultural sources it is ineffective. The large irrigation

## Fuel Question Solved in Ward County

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Minot, N. D., May 29.—A great many people in the east and middle west believe that North Dakota is at the mercy of the Iowa, Illinois and Pennsylvania coal men, but such is not the case. As a matter of fact, people in North Dakota do not need coal from without the state than does Illinois or Iowa. A prairie country without fuel is quite a rare thing, and the prairie country with plenty of good fuel, Ward county has all kinds of fuel and supplies a large portion of the state with her coal. The coal industry is only beginning, however, and the development of this industry has practically all been done within the past four years. Five years ago many of the residents of the eastern and southern part of the state did not even know that there was a coal field in the state. There was no capital to handle the business while there were no people in the country except the rancher, and he was making money too easy to mine coal. Today it is sold in Minneapolis and St. Paul, and constantly growing in favor. In regard to briquettes, your correspondent was shown a sample in Minot that was as hard as a common brick and as clean to handle as a prayer-book. It does away with the smoke nuisance, as there is not nearly so much smoke as from the best grade of firewood. These briquettes are produced from a ton and a half, and should be sold to the consumer in all parts of the state for less than \$5 a ton, or less than half the cost of anthracite, and will give out fully as much, if not more, heat.

**IF YOU WANT A SLICE OF THE EARTH CALL ON ME**

**JOHN B. FRIED,**  
Lands and Loans,  
Jamestown, - North Dak.

### Your Time Is Valuable

Too valuable, doubtless, to spend in looking up farms of no merit. I also value my time too highly to waste it in showing you property that you would not buy at any price. I find out just what you are in the shape of farm or ranch property, and then show you what you are looking for at the right price. It will save you much time, know exactly what it will do, and its exact value. This information will cost you nothing. Come in, write, or I will call on you.

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## ALEX. R. CLEMENS

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Near Andock, in Walsh county, we have thirty quarter sections to be sold at from \$27 to \$35 an acre, and you get the crop. 100 acres—120 acres in crop this year, fair three quarters, good barn and granary; close to market; all excellent land—first-class, satisfactory stuff—\$30 an acre.

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twelve miles from Minot, at \$10 per acre, with spring, good water, and a fine view. One quarter sold twice this week. Will sell in 100 tracts. If you want a home this will suit you.

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every foot tillable. Sixty-eight acres under cultivation; good well 56 feet deep, with 15 feet water. The buildings do not amount to much, although the house would make a good granary. This is close to other well-cultivated and money-making farms.

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For this perfect quarter section of land, located one mile from the Red River, all under cultivation. Purchaser to pay for seed and receive one-half crop, \$22.00 an acre. No buildings. No trades.

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DULUTH, MISSABE & NORTHERN COMPLETES A SHORT LINE.

Congestion of Ore Cars at the Old Junction Point Will Be Avoided Hereafter—New West Mesaba Branch Likely to Be Built the Coming Winter—Immense Amount of Work Done.

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## La Moure County Is "Coming Into Its Own"

### Splendid North Dakota County Attracting the Farmers of Illinois, Indiana, Iowa and the East—The Country Whose Bonds Are as Good as Gold.

Edgely, N. D., May 29.—We have "hit the trail" continuously in "Good Old North Dakota" for several months. We have visited many sections, have had "heart-to-heart" talks with "the builders" all over the state, and we do know that the resources and advantages offered to the homeseeker by this "young giant" of the great northwest cannot be excelled by any section of the country. Right here we want to say to the hardheaded, you have got to show me farmers of Illinois, Indiana, Iowa and the middle west, that we have "butted in" to a section this week that means permanent prosperity and steady income for life to any honest and energetic farmer if he will look it over, for no man who is renting high-priced lands back east or is dissatisfied with his present condition can get away from La Moure county after seeing what she has to offer, and will certainly become one of "the bunch" who are getting rich tilling her fertile lands. Here is a county where one night's ride from Minneapolis to the offers every inducement to the homeseeker. Here is a county with \$40,000 in shipping facilities with great connecting systems of railroads gridironing and reaching every nook and corner of her territory, with the highest class of educational advantages reaching all over her many school districts, with splendid school buildings, house the boys and girls who are learning "how to shoot" as well as taking some of the work of the "past and present" of this, together with splendid modern up-to-date towns and a county population of hardy, progressive men who are "the right sort" and have come in from Illinois, Indiana, Iowa and Wisconsin makes this county the ideal spot for the eastern homeseeker. Out Edgely way this week we met Brother Danher, one of the hustling, bustling young business men of North Dakota, who is the senior member of the firm of Danher & Maben, the well-known land firm handling La Moure county lands. This young firm enjoys an enviable reputation throughout "the great northwest," and they live strictly up to their motto of "a square deal" for every homeseeker. Mr. Danher is in close touch with every section of the state, and county, and knows it from end to end like a book, and the following little interview with him can be relied upon absolutely.

As asked as to the soil and other conditions, he said: "The prairies of La Moure county are covered with a rich drift drift of alluvial loam from one to four feet deep, under which is a clay subsoil, which has the property of holding moisture to a wonderful degree, and giving it out as needed for the growing crops. It contains all the ingredients most valuable for agriculture, namely: soluble silica, lime, potash, soda, phosphoric acid, nitrogen and vegetable humus. There is no better soil in the world for general farming purposes, and none any better adapted for the raising of wheat and other small grains. It is easily pulverized, and after the plow is open, broken, cultivation is done with comparative little labor. The effect of deep winter freezing, and the rising of the moisture to the surface in the spring thaw, is to mingle the rich, natural fertilizers of the subsoil so that the natural process of fertilization is constantly going on.

#### Plenty of Pure Water.

"La Moure county is well supplied with the very best water in the world. The James river traverses the county north and south, besides there are a number of creeks and many natural springs. The purest cold water may be secured at a depth of from fifteen to forty feet. All the water secured in this county is as pure as any in the world. In the rivers fish abound in great quantities.

#### What Is Grown.

"There is no crop grown in the temperate zone that will not flourish here—

"But what's the use," I could go on indefinitely regarding La Moure county, but time and space will not permit. The foregoing interview "hits the nail" on the head and can be absolutely relied upon. This well-known firm of Danher & Maben has offices in some new buildings in Minneapolis, St. Paul, and Fertile, Minn. If you "men of the east" will spend one cent and write to these "La Moure county pushers" they will give you some "money-making" propositions that will "deliver the goods" every time, if you will look them over.

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most of them in greater abundance than elsewhere. Until recently the farmers of this county engaged almost exclusively in raising small grain. Within the few years they began to diversify and raise stock. Wheat and flax have been the great staples. Corn was successfully raised here by the Indians before a white man trod these prairies. Lewis and Clark in their expedition in 1804 replenished their stores from corn raised by the Dakota Indians. It is only during the past two seasons that some have been given proper attention by the La Moure county farmer. Corn this year will doubly exceed the acreage of any former year. Corn yields from fifty to seventy bushels to the acre, and some have yielded over 80 bushels to the acre. Last season wheat yielded as high as forty-two bushels to the acre, flax from twenty to thirty-one bushels, oats seventy, with some yields up to 116 bushels, barley up to eighty and speltz as high as eighty-six bushels. Rye, millet and tame grasses of all kinds produce abundantly.

#### Dairying and Stock-Raising.

"No section in the northwest has better natural conditions for dairy and stock-raising, and that La Moure county will soon become famous in this line. It is a matter of time before there were but 7,600 cattle in La Moure county in 1899, and in 1904 the number had increased to 15,940. Horses, sheep and hogs have also shown large increases, and at this time La Moure county possesses more good horses, cattle, sheep and hogs than most any agricultural county in the state. During the year of 1904 sales of live stock brought to the county \$200,000. Those who have turned to stock-raising find it profitable, because with the nutritious native grasses growing in abundance, upon which stock will graze all winter in winter, as well as in summer, there is but little cost in maturing it. Dairying is profitable in the county, because creameries in the county are doing a thriving business and others are expected to be built within the near future. However, the lack of creameries has not hindered the making of much butter, and statistics show that the dairying business is constantly increasing. In 1899 La Moure county shipped 200,000 pounds of butter, valued at 350,000 pounds. Poultry and eggs sold in 1899, \$4,180; 1904, \$7,500.

"The cost of maturing and preparing cattle for market is less here than in any other agricultural country, because of the wonderful richness of the natural grasses. Cattle run at large the year round with only feeding hay during the "cold snaps," not a third of a ton a season to any one animal. Cattle that are thin in the spring will be ready for market in July, fatted on native grasses alone, and the beef is fine, juicy and tender. The carcasses can be prepared for the market as a two-year-old at a cost of not exceeding \$5. And La Moure county cattle bring the top-notch price in the market.

"Hedge and sheep, the not as yet so numerous as cattle, are increasing in numbers rapidly, as both show good profit here, and should be more largely cultivated. The raising of horses for market is a profitable industry, owing to the healthfulness of the climate and cheap feed. Horses grown here are healthier and better than those of most other places."

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