

is milder than in any other part of the Dominion, and considered by the inhabitants as unsurpassed in the world.

Average  
seasons.

16. Instead of the perpetual winter so much talked about, the facts are, that the average winter is about four and a-half months, and though the spring may begin two or three weeks later than in England the conditions for rapid growth—warm sunshine and rain—are so favourable that the crops of the two countries are about equally advanced by the middle of July, and as during the last few years the country has become better known, it is beginning to be understood that, though the winters are at times severe, they are healthy and enjoyable, while the summer weather is not surpassed in the most favoured parts of Europe. That the climate is superior to that of England is admitted by all who have experienced both.

Advantage of cold  
winters.

17. As evidence, however, that the cold winters are not only not disagreeable or unhealthy, but on the contrary are healthful and invigorating and almost necessary to the well-being of the people, the following extracts, which refer to the mild winters of 1888–89 and 1889–90, are given, taken from two independent sources, and representing two different sections of country. The *Western World*, published in Winnipeg (March, 1890), says: “The cold is one of the first objections made. But that has its own advantages, and the last winter, which was an exceptionally mild one, was one which no old timer interested in farming would wish to see repeated. The winter now closing has been much more severe and with much more snowfall than some of those preceding it, and every farmer notes the fact as an augury of a capital summer following.”

The *Pioneer Press*, St. Paul, Minnesota, U.S., speaks as follows of the last two mild winters:—

“There is not a resident of Minnesota, we venture to say, who would not vote for a return of the most rigorous season ever known to this latitude rather than for a third visitation like that of last winter and this. We have had a taste of the imported winter climate of the southern zone, and it is a taste that goes a long way. To begin