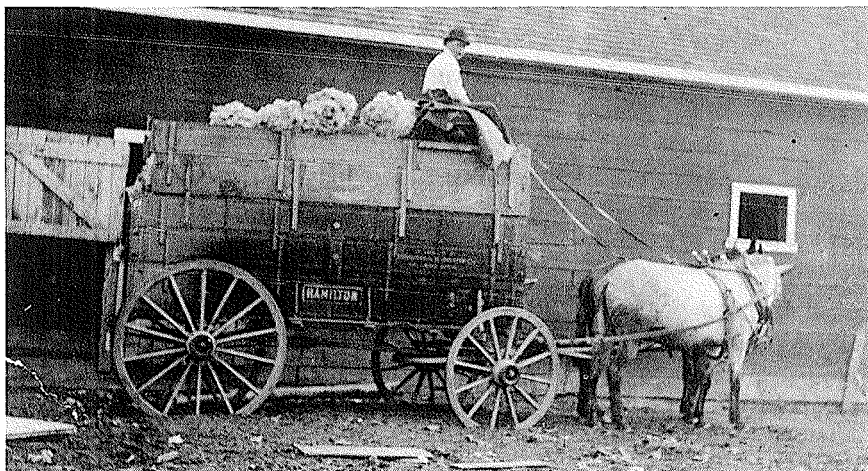


Hugging the Meridian



—Mildred Sheppard

Ed Schreiber, 1913, driving mules. He is starting out from the Emmert farm at Oak Bluff with a load of sheep wool bats from the spring sheering for delivery in Winnipeg. There were about 500 sheep on the Emmert farm, purchased primarily to keep the weeds clipped.

Emmert was fortunate in finding water for the stock on his land. He brought in well diggers who successfully established two shallow wells of about 20 feet deep. Farmers came from miles around with barrels, churns, crocks, pails and cans of all sizes to get water from these wells. Although mildly salty, stock drank it.

Once the farms were established, a regular parade of American buyers arrived to assess the success of farming in Macdonald municipality. During the tour of the Emmert farms they learned of weather and soil conditions and saw the results. Mrs. Schreiber served the guests a hearty meal of farm-produced meat and vegetables.

Professors from the Manitoba Agricultural College³⁷ visited the Emmert farms to monitor results of experimentation and used the information in their teaching at the college. Another frequent visitor was E. Cora Hind³⁸, agricultural editor of the *Winnipeg Free Press*, who had close connections with the college. She caused quite a sensation on her first trip, sending the hired man scurrying to A.G. exclaiming, "There's a woman out there with trousers on!" District farmers also came regularly to learn from Emmert experiments.

In the spring of 1913, A. G. Schreiber planted fodder corn, an early variety called *North West Dent*, from seed supplied by the agricul-