

Suitability for Dairying and Stock Raising.

With a soil so fertile and so admirably adapted to the growth of grasses, roots and vegetables, and with such a plentiful supply of pure water, it is, as will at once be surmised, a typical country for the production of mutton and beef, cheese and butter. It is indeed a dairying and stock raising country par excellence. Even its rocky bluffs, clothed as they are with a vigorous growth of timber, protect the pasture land of the valleys where cattle and sheep may roam and graze for seven months of the year, and are not, therefore, without their compensating advantages. The sheep is exactly adapted to northern Ontario, and the supreme excellence of the mutton raised in this region is a matter of note.

As a dairy, stock and sheep raising country it has all the advantages of cheap land, good transportation facilities, rich soil, good water, and cheap building material, while its climate is unexcelled for the production of vigorous stock and vigorous men.

Climate.

As to the length and severity of the winter season, it has been proved that northern Ontario has nothing to be afraid of in comparison with other sections supposed to be more favored. The winters of Algoma and Nipissing although cold, are infinitely more pleasing and less trying than the winters of the western states, particularly Dakota and Minnesota; indeed, the southern portion of these districts is farther south than the greater part of the states referred to, and taken latitude for latitude the Canadian climate is more temperate than the American. In summer the heat is moderate and the rainfall abundant.

Mineral Wealth.

The Algoma and Nipissing districts are known to be rich in a variety of minerals. Although little has been done to determine what the mineral resources of this region really are, still enough has been ascertained to show that it has a future before it in this regard. Gold, silver, copper and iron have been discovered to the north of lake Huron, and elsewhere, and it contains the most extensive nickel deposits in the world, which are now being worked in the vicinity of Sudbury.

THE TEMISCAMINGUE COUNTRY.

Another agricultural section in the northern part of the province which should be mentioned is the Temiscamingue country. This country borders on lake Temiscamingue, a broadening of the upper Ottawa river. It is in the Nipissing district, already referred to, and about two hundred