

man who can seek to elevate himself, or that which is *his*, at another's expense, I despise. Moreover, he who thus acts pays himself, his friends, his country, a very poor compliment. I wish simply to show that taking what is recognized on all hands as the very beau ideal of progress—an example of it hardly, if at all, to be paralleled—we are progressing at a rate which should, not merely, stifle complaint, but inspire the warmest gratitude and the brightest hope. In what I am doing I consider myself but as giving God, our Helper, the source and sustainer of the progress described, “the glory due unto his name.”

Hitherto I have dealt exclusively with the increase of our population, that which, in connection with its character, forms the basis of National prosperity. Let us now direct our attention to the increase which has been going on, at the same time, in the quantities of land under cultivation, in agricultural and other products, in stock, and in the property represented by the Assessment Rolls, with the rise in the value of Land.

The Western District (Counties of Essex, Kent and Lambton—contents 1,616,640 acres) contained:—

In 1842,	-	-	69,355 Acres of Land under cultivation.
1844,	-	-	82,726 do. do.
1848,	-	-	115,708 do. do.
1850,	-	-	425,279 Acres were occupied. How much cultivated, I cannot say.

In the London District, (Counties of Middlesex and Elgin,—contents 999,040 acres) the quantities under cultivation were:—

In 1842,	-	-	-	112,633 Acres.
1844,	-	-	-	130,329 do.
1848,	-	-	-	177,752 do.

The Brock District (County of Oxford—contents 584,320 acres) stands as follows:—

In 1842,	-	-	-	67,397 Acres cultivated.
1844,	-	-	-	83,046 do.
1849,	-	-	-	125,741 do.

We find in the Gore District (Counties of Halton, Wentworth, and Brant—741,761 acres):

In 1842,	-	-	-	222,098 Acres under cultivation.
1844,	-	-	-	266,848 do. do.
1848,	-	-	-	310,513 do. do.