

well-cleared farms could be bought in any of the old Provinces. The crops in Ontario were the same as here, with the exception of Indian-corn. Wheat seemed most in favour on the better soils; it yielded on an average about 20 bushels per acre; the market value of wheat in Toronto last September, was 4s. 6d. per bushel. At this price an average crop of wheat would be worth £4 10s. per acre. Oats were generally a very poor sample, the hot days of summer bringing them forward too rapidly; they very seldom weighed more than 84 lbs. per bushel, and yielded 50 bushel per acre. In Toronto, last September, they sold for 1s. 4d. per bushel, so that an average crop would be worth £3 6s. 8d. per acre. Barley was generally a good sample, although not so good as we could grow here, the average yield being about 30 bushels per acre and the price 2s. 4d. per bushel. Turnips were not grown very extensively, although, except in a very dry season, they grew pretty well, and there was no doubt a more extensive culture would be beneficial to the farming interests of Canada. One of the main hindrances to a more extensive cultivation of turnips was the amount of manual labour they require. Potatoes grew well and so did peas, of which he saw some excellent samples. He also saw a large number of Colorado beetles upon some potatoes, but they did not seem to have done much harm as the potatoes were an excellent crop."

METEOROLOGICAL.

THE TEMPERATURE—OFFICIAL STATISTICS.

In addition to the information given at page 49 the following further particulars, from an official source, respecting the climate of Ontario, may be interesting and serve to remove some misconceptions on this head. There is, in Ontario, a department in which accurate statistics of the weather have been collected for ten years past, and from these it is easy to institute a comparison between the temperature of Ontario and that of Great Britain, at the various periods of the year. Statements, it may here be remarked, respecting other portions of the North American continent, in the same latitude as Ontario, may be, and probably are, substantially true, while they would not be in any sense correct as regards this Province, the almost insular character of the latter protecting it from the extremes of heat and cold of the Western States and Territories. The intense cold which prevails in those places is seldom felt in Ontario, and in summer, when, in the Western States, existence is scarcely tolerable under the abnormally high temperatures recorded there (frequently 100° in the shade), in Ontario life is enjoyable with the thermometer somewhere in the neighbourhood of 90°. This difference is accounted for by the fact that the vast bodies of water contained in the great lakes receive and part with their heat much more slowly than the land. The