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PRODUCTS.—Of what is bread made? Most of the flour is made from the seeds of the wheat plant. Wheat is a kind of grass. Some grasses have small seeds, and tender stalks which make excellent hay. Other grasses have coarser stalks, but their seeds are larger and contain the chief food matter stored up by the plant. These seeds are called **grain**. The chief grains are *wheat, corn, oats, barley, rye, and rice*, but wheat is the best for bread. Wheat, oats, barley and rye may be grown to perfection in all parts of Southern Ontario, and likewise the various grasses and clovers. In the Lake Erie counties the tall southern varieties of Indian corn ripen, and elsewhere the corns of the northern states grow to perfection. It is largely grown for *fodder*, that is for feeding cattle.

On the grass, corn, peas and coarse grains of Southern Ontario are fattened cattle, hogs and sheep, which furnish another important kind of food for man.

Consequently, *agriculture or farming* is the occupation of the majority of people in Southern Ontario.

The Niagara District, comprising that part of Ontario lying between Lakes Erie and Ontario on the west of the Niagara River, is celebrated for its fruits. *Peaches, grapes, plums, and small fruits* of all kinds

are shipped from this district. The principal shipping stations in this district are: *Niagara, Niagara Falls, Port Dalhousie, St. Catharines and Grimsby*.

The peninsula lying between Lakes Erie and St. Clair and consisting of the counties of Essex and Kent is of a similar character. Enormous quantities of *grapes* are grown on Pelee Island and along the Detroit River, from which considerable wine is manufactured. Where is Pelee Island?

In all the counties bordering on the lakes, and especially in those on Lake Huron, immense quantities of *apples* are produced which are equal to the best in the world. What counties border on Lake Huron and Georgian Bay?

Throughout the southern part of the peninsula and along the shores of Lake Ontario the tomato comes to perfection in the open air, although it cannot be grown in England except under glass.

The whole of Southern Ontario was once covered with forest, but now four-fifths of it has been cleared off. There still remains some *pine* between the Ottawa River and Georgian Bay; and in other parts of the province are considerable quantities of *walnut, oak, elm, maple, birch, cherry*, and other timber trees, from which much valuable furniture is manufactured.

