

THE FRENCH

Lamb, butter, eggs, cheese, maple sugar, syrup, homespun cloth, and home-grown vegetables form the staple commodities of the *habitant*.

The ambition of every well-to-do farmer is to have an *avocat* in his family, or a priest; and where enough money can be scraped together to send an olive-branch to a seminary, great are the rejoicings of these simple people. All French Canadians are deeply religious. As a rule their priests are singularly pure in their lives, and wholesome in their doctrines. They are often men of deep learning, and not infrequently of cultivated tastes. They are not devoid of humour. A troublesome parishioner roused his *curé* at uncanonical