

As to vegetables; potatoes, carrots, turnips, mangel-wurzel, peas, beans, cucumbers, onions, cauliflowers, tomatoes, artichokes, asparagus, and celery, all thrive well and yield abundant crops.

With regard to fruits, all the following thrive well:—Apples, pears, currants, strawberries, raspberries, plums, greengages, cherries, quinces, gooseberries, and melons; and in the southern counties, grapes and peaches.

Of late years more attention has been paid to pasture-lands, which, though inferior to those of the old country, are rapidly improving under improved treatment. As a consequence dairy products, such as cheese and butter, have greatly increased in quantity and improved in quality. Cheese-making, on what is termed "the factory system,"—that is, a number of farmers in the same neighbourhood co-operating to support a common dairy—has been extensively carried out in many parts of the Province with very satisfactory results; one result being that Canadian cheese is acquiring considerable reputation in, and is being largely exported to, foreign markets.

THE AGRICULTURAL PROGRESS OF ONTARIO AS COMPARED WITH THAT OF THE UNITED STATES.

The maxim "comparisons are odious" is not always true. Without doubt they may sometimes be very properly instituted. In such cases they should, of course, be conducted with scrupulous fairness. When thus made between parties engaged in honourable competition, and only asking from one another "a fair field and no favour," the results can hardly fail to be of an encouraging and stimulating character.

Taking as the basis of calculation the official volume which contains the agricultural results of the last census of the United States, and the similar census returns for Canada, referring to nearly the same period, it can be demonstrated that Canada, and Ontario especially, instead of lagging behind the United States in every element of progress, as some people are constantly telling