

per acre. Charlottetown is the town of most importance. The island is a very suitable field for those who wish to begin on already broken-up land and are not prepared for the rougher life of the Western States.

NOVA SCOTIA.—The climate of this Province is well suited to Europeans, as the temperature is more equable than in any other part of the Dominion, indeed the Annapolis Valley is famous for its flowers and wealth of vegetation. The Province has given special attention to its educational institutions, the school age being here as high as in the United States. In Halifax, in proportion to its size, there is a large demand for domestic servants, as it is a garrison town. There are still some two million acres of ungranted land, but the future of Nova Scotia is a manufacturing one, in consequence of its unlimited water power and the inexhaustible supplies of coal and iron.

ONTARIO.—The Province of Ontario numbers two hundred and twenty-two thousand square miles, covering about twice the area of Great Britain, and has a population of over two millions. The greater part of the Province is well settled, means of communication both by rail and water being both easy and numerous. The winters are warmer than those of Quebec, more especially along the shores of Lakes Erie and Ontario. Fruit farming is the principal industry in what is known as the Niagara peninsula; this is an occupation in which women have been successful. The land which most invites settlement is situated in the north-west part of the Province, where forest still remains to be cleared. The average price for cleared land and buildings in the best agricultural districts close to the large towns is from £6 to £12 an acre. Free grants for uncleared land are given to adults over eighteen under easy conditions.

Toronto, the principal town, is also the seat of the Provincial Government and has a population of about one hundred and ninety thousand. The demand for domestic servants of all kinds is very constant, the wages reaching a high average. The other towns of importance from the point of view of domestic servants are Hamilton, London, Kingston and Ottawa, the capital of the Dominion.

The position of Ontario with respect to its means of access to the markets of the world is very advantageous. The interior means of transport are ample, as at half a dozen points its railway system connects with that of the United States. Its magnificent system of lake, canal and river navigation accommodates not only its own trade, but also a great portion of the trade of the Western States.

QUEBEC.—This is the French Province of Canada, lying along the St. Lawrence. Its area is three hundred and forty-seven thousand three hundred and fifty square miles, with a population of about a million and a half. The principal towns are Montreal, the largest city in Canada, and Quebec, the old capital of Canada.