

within the limits of a city. To those who have families the summer home is a great relief as the children can go about their amusements without causing their parents the same anxiety as when in the city. Country life in the summer months is essentially an open air life and freer from conventionalities than city life. There is time for visitation among neighbors or if the weather proves too warm for this there is an opportunity to seek some shady nook on a veranda or under a tree without danger of interruption.

An ideal country home is one that is surrounded by ample grounds where one can secure the privacy that is denied dwellers in a city. But when this is the object a considerable acreage is necessary, but the land can be turned to good account if the owner has a bent for farming. If he has no knowledge of agriculture he had better confine himself to a few hens, a cow and a horse, and be satisfied if the yield of his land is sufficient for their support. Fancy farming by theorists is an expensive luxury and requires a long purse, a fact that is easily proven by brief interviews with those who have made the attempt. Yet farming can be made to pay a handsome profit and a suburban dweller may if he has the requisite knowledge of agriculture have a suburban house at a comparatively small cost. But to do this he generally has to go further from the city than if he merely desires a cottage in the country during the summer months.

Within a few years a large number of small lots have been disposed of along the road between Torryburn and Riverside on which summer residences have been erected and a very

considerable summer colony established there. The location is excellent and the facilities for enjoying the fine weather, which generally prevails about St. John during July, August and September are of the best. That these summer houses are growing in popularity is evidenced by the fact that the number is constantly increasing and it will not be many years now when the shores of the Kennebecasis from Torryburn Cove to Rothesay and beyond are lined with summer cottages. The same development is certain to take place along the shores of Grand Bay from Acamac to Lingley. It is in this latter locality that the gentleman farmer will seek his lands—and there is much land on this 16 miles of railway that is capable of the highest cultivation and which would yield good returns to the investor.

While on the subject of country homes the St. John river must not be forgotten. Within the past five years the owners of river steamers have been catering quite extensively to the suburban resident with good results. The beginning of the suburban rush up river was the establishment of a religious summer colony at Brown's Flats. There quite an extensive plot of ground was purchased and divided up into lots. Camp meetings are held there every summer and a large number of families permanently reside there during the summer months. Outside the camp grounds there is a hotel and a considerable number of cottages so that altogether there is a most flourishing summer colony at this point. At various other places along the river there are numerous summer residences and several hotels.