

If an average crop thus amounts to  $7\frac{1}{2}$  bushels, but with an average of only 50 bushels the cost is 2s. per bushel; when the price is even 1s 3d, and the crop an average one, they are the most profitable of all crops.

#### INDIAN CORN.

The crop of Indian Corn for 1851 is also short of an average, the early Spring being very cold and much of the seed having perished in the ground. The stalks are of considerable value for feeding cattle, and when Pumpkins are grown along with it, an average crop is considered remunerating.

#### FENCES.

One word with regard to fences, the permanence and security of which are of such importance to every farmer.

The County possesses an abundant supply of White Cedar, which, when well put up, forms a substantial and permanent fence.

Many of our farmers have adopted the plan of driving in two sharpened cedar stakes, one on each side of each angle of the common serpentine fence, confining them above with a piece of board having two holes bored at the required distance to admit the stakes and then laying a rail over these pieces. By this simple and inexpensive method the fence is perfectly secure, never being blown down by the highest gales, and for general agricultural purposes is certainly the best fence that can be built.

#### IRON ORE IN MADOC AND MARMORA.

It may be well further to observe in this County Report that in two of the Townships—Madoc and Marmora—there is an unlimited supply of Iron Ore of very excellent quality, containing from 30 to 50 per cent of a first rate description of Iron. The Marmora Foundry Company have expended large sums of money, and there are at present Buildings and Works erected and ready to be put into operation, and the Companies interested having put them in order are anxious to procure tenants either to rent or purchase.

The Railroad to Georgian Bay if it be built will pass within five miles of the Marmora Works, and also near the Madoc Works.

#### PLANK ROADS.

Independent of projected Railroads which are likely soon to be put in operation, the County has within itself, made 27 miles of Plank and Gravel Road within the last year in the most desirable situations where good roads were most required, and there is quite a spirit of emulation in the County to possess good roads. In two or three years we shall have them extending in every direction over the whole County.

When the Grand Trunk Railway is completed which there is now every prospect of, the

County of Hastings will maintain a most desirable position. The richness of her soil—the richness of her ore—the abundance of her water power—the Intelligence and Enterprise of her Inhabitants—her local position—her prodigious export of Bread stuffs and Lumber—her never failing supply of this latter valuable commodity—her immense home consumption of farm produce—her beautiful and navigable Bay, forming her southern boundary—all these will draw public attention to Hastings as an important agricultural and commercial County and there is little doubt but that she will continue to advance as she has hitherto done and even with more rapid strides as she becomes better known.

This report having been duly submitted to a meeting of the Directors of the County Agricultural Society was found to contain "a truthful view of the agricultural condition and industrial pursuits and prospects of the County," and is respectfully submitted to the Agricultural Association of Canada West.

See tabulated form below, carefully calculated and compiled by leave of Census Commissioner, and page — containing information, obtained from Customs Department of the Town of Belleville.

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President of the County of Hastings Agricultural Society.

March 30, 1852.

#### Exports from the County of Hastings to the United States during 1851.

Articles.	Quantity cwt qr lb	Value. £ s. d.
Butter.....	2 2 14 .....	7 7 0
Oats .....	13,863 Bushels.....	828 17 0
Flour.....	2,589 Barrels.....	2,476 13 0
Rye .....	4,804 Bushels.....	499 5 0
Grass Seed.....	890 do.....	216 10 0
Peas.....	11,727 do.....	1,299 9 6
Fish Salted.....	7 Barrels .....	8 15 0
Wool.....	12,723 lbs.....	686 1 9
Potatoes.....	118 Bushels.....	12 5 0
Barrel Hoops.....	44,500 .....	25 0 0
Shingles.....	167 M.....	108 4 0
Spokes .....	11,480 .....	22 18 3
Laths.....	679 M.....	245 2 6
Sawed Lumber.....	14,573,535 feet .....	29,101 7 2
Cedars.....	286 cords.....	103 10 0
Saw Logs.....	2,800 .....	700 0 0
Cranberries.....	5 Bushels .....	2 10 0
Potash.....	68 Barrels.....	476 0 0
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#### Produce Shipped from Belleville to various parts of the Province of Canada, during the year 1851.

Flour.....	17,954 Barrels.
Wheat.....	36,851 Bushels.
Peas .....	10,851 do.
Butter .....	566 Kegs.
Pork.....	321 Barrels.
Ashes.....	2,589 do.