

NEW ONTARIO

As a Field for Settlement

ADVANTAGES AND DRAWBACKS.

NO PORTION of the American continent offers greater advantages to the settler who with little or no capital desires to establish himself and Embracing a total land area of 219,650 miles or 140,516,000 acres, lying within the great grain belt of North America, endowed with magnificent natural resources in the fertility of its soil, the wealth of its mineral deposits and the value of its timber, and possessing a climate eminently healthful and bracing, Ontario ranks as the most progressive and advanced agricultural community in America. Indisputable evidence of her superiority in this respect was afforded at the World's Fair in Chicago in 1893, when Ontario was adjudged the front place as to live stock, dairy and fruit exhibits, and stood equal to any competing province or state in the variety and excellence of her general farm products. The Province also maintained her supremacy in stock-raising, dairying and horticulture in competition against the continent at the Pan-American Exhibition in 1901. To-day there is no division of the continent that produces in such perfection and variety the grains, grasses, roots, fruits and live stock to be found on the farms in Ontario. The natural energy, industry and intelligence of the people are unsurpassed elsewhere and the advantages of the soil and climate have been supplemented by the adoption of the most advanced scientific methods of agriculture. For many years the government of the Province has devoted special attention to the encouragement of agriculture in all its branches, in which they have been heartily supported by the Legislature. The liberal appropriations of public money made for this purpose have placed within the reach of the farming community the latest results of scientific research and investigation in relation to practical agriculture. The total amount expended by the Government for the encouragement of agriculture during 31 years including the appropriations for 1902 reaches a total of \$5,431,957. One of the principal functions of the Department of Agriculture is to regulate these expenditures with a view of securing the best returns in raising the standard of agriculture in all its branches.