

and west, are now being proved. There are local markets unexcelled in Northern Ontario. Some of our Ontario farmers have gone in and prospered; we hope to attract considerable numbers of Scandinavians. British settlers may do well if they understand the mode of life and farming peculiar to a wooded area. Our advice so far has been for the British settler first to spend a year or two in Southern Ontario before taking up land in the northern section. This term Northern Ontario should not frighten people, for the area is in the same latitude as Southern Manitoba and Southern Saskatchewan.

You ask as to the value of farm lands. What I have said as to the variation of climate and variation of production will indicate that there must be a great variation in land values. The Crown Lands of Northern Ontario cost the bona-fide settler 50 cents (two shillings) an acre. Improved lands in Southern Ontario vary from \$50 (£10) to \$1,500 (£300) an acre, including buildings. In a few sections where specialising and intensive cultivation have been carried out \$150 (£30) to \$500 (£100) an acre is the price. The general run of lands in Ontario will be from \$50 (£10) to \$100 (£20) an acre. I can take you to a section lying west of Toronto which 20 years ago was in large farms worth \$100 an acre; to-day it is practically all cut up into small plots of 20 acres producing vegetables and small fruits, and it is worth \$300 (£60) and more per acre. And, what will be interesting to you, many of the owners came to Ontario as farm labourers with no capital. They are making money, they are living amid the most comfortable social conditions, they are educating their children, and some of the latter will probably be among the most successful citizens of Canada a few years hence.

Our own people are just beginning to realise the great farming opportunities of Ontario. We need men and women from the British Isles to help develop our farm resources. We commend to you the careful study of our province. British people largely have made Ontario what she is to-day. The opportunities are greater than ever before. All we say is look carefully over our Province and then come and make a home for yourselves and families with us. And when you have made a home for yourselves in Ontario you will have this satisfaction of knowing that you are within reach of your friends at home and can readily communicate with them, being only seven days removed.

At the close of Mr. James's address, Mr. T. W. Sanders, F.L.S., F.R.H.S. (Knight of the first-class of the Royal Order of Wasa, Sweden), Editor of "Amateur Gardening," &c., moved a vote of thanks to the speaker, which was seconded by D. Edwyn Thomas, Esq., Editor of "Farm and Home."