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Eastern Townships Agriculture

In the realm of agriculture, the Eastern Townships has won the title of "Garden of the Province," the picturesqueness of the rural sections and the productiveness of the soil combining to give to the farming sections of Southern Quebec an attractiveness surpassing that of perhaps any other part of the province.

It is here that the maple sugar industry reaches its greatest development with an annual production valued at no less than a million dollars. The fine water and excellent pasture lands have contributed to the success of the dairy industry, Eastern Townships butter and cheese having won an enviable reputation. Stock breeding, also, is receiving close attention from Eastern Townships farmers and the results are apparent in the splendid exhibits of thoroughbred horses, cattle, sheep, and swine at Canada's Great Eastern Exhibition, Sherbrooke, and the various county fairs.

The statistical report for the whole province shows the following annual value of agricultural production in the province in 1914, namely, field crops, \$99,279,000 ; domestic animals, \$122,298,071 ; dairy products, \$16,156,022. It is impossible to give exactly the Eastern Townships portion of these large sums, but it is undoubtedly considerably greater than its relative area would indicate.

However, with less than half the soil of the Eastern Townships under cultivation, the possibilities of the future are apparent. This development may be long delayed. Canada must gather to herself a great population before its density will approach that of England or of any of the older settled countries. Until there is a decided drift of the population to the land the full development of agriculture cannot take place. The stimulus of high prices for all agricultural products is present. This is offset to a great extent by the scarcity of farm labor. The hope of the immediate future lies in after-the-war