

a great variety of agricultural products. When the last Census was taken in 1881 the Dominion raised some thirty two million bushels of wheat, seventy one million bushels of oats, fifty five million bushels of potatoes, and eighteen million bushels of barley. The people owned eight million head of stock, including one million horses, as well as three and a half million animals intended exclusively for food. The total value of farm products of all kinds may be roughly estimated at £ 30,000,000 sterling. The stock owned by the best farmers is generally of the higher grades, imported at a considerable cost from England and other countries. In the English or Eastern Townships of the province of Quebec, and in Ontario, there are stock farms with herds of Jersey and other cattle which it would be difficult to equal on the great estates of the old world. But the farmers of Ontario do not confine themselves to wheat and other grains, for they now raise a large quantity of apples, peaches, plums and grapes. The annual production of apples alone is now some fifteen million bushels, of which a considerable quantity is exported to the English market from the valleys of old Acadia, the scenes of Longfellow's immortal poem, *Evangeline*. The grape is not only raised for the table but also for the making of very fair red and white wines, which resemble in appearance and flavour the cheaper Sauternes and Clarets of France. This is an industry which must increase in value according as the people better understand the niceties of such a manufacture, and as the temperance advocates, now so formidable in Canada, begin to understand that as the taste for these wines increases the cause they have at heart will be greatly promoted.

It is in the Great West of the Dominion that we must henceforth look for the most remarkable results of agricultural industry. This region should in the course of years be divided into probably some eight provinces as large as Minnesota, which was admitted into the American Union only a quarter of a century ago, and has now a population of probably a million persons, and produces annually thirty five million bushels of wheat. Now that the Canadian Pacific Railway is completed, and branch lines are running or will soon run through the country, Canada naturally looks forward to considerable influx of settlers during the coming years, according as the value of the lands is better appreciated and the ignorance that still exists as to their capabilities dispelled by the evidence of unprejudiced witnesses. There can be no doubt, however, that no other country in the world has the same area of rich agricultural land to offer to the hardy, industrious peoples