

what will undoubtedly be one day the garden of Western Newfoundland. Apart from its mineral treasures and forest wealth, the agricultural capabilities of this region are such that it should supply all the markets of the Island, and also be able to export largely to other countries."

HOW FARMS CAN PAY.

Rev. Bro. Slattery, of the Irish Christian Brothers, who was some years at the head of a Roman Catholic Orphanage in the suburbs of St. John's, remarks:

"Prejudice has always existed against farming in this Colony. The people are taught to catch fish and not to farm. A man who must 'tend his lines' can't hoe his field at the same time, and the man who would farm has no money to buy machinery and he must eat while the grass is growing. The prejudice already referred to has grown into a belief that farming don't and can't pay. It can't be made to pay unless the proper precautions be taken, any more than a whale factory can't pay for the same reason. With proper judgment, however, very much more crop can be taken from an acre of land than has been the practice here. Where one ton of hay grows now it is quite possible to take four tons of better hay from the same land, or from 12 to 15 tons of ensilage crops. The growing of grain has been looked upon with a smile because of frosts, but frosts occur in Canada too, just as early as they do here. Yet they grow grain, but they don't put their oats or barley or wheat in land that requires much underdraining. If our fields were underdrained, we would not be so much troubled with early and late frosts either. Underdraining is of much importance to progressive farming that without it no one can expect to get the large yields in crops that tend to make farming profitable. Underdraining draws off the surplus and stagnant water from the soil, which prevents the air from exercising its beneficial influence in it; deepens and makes it more porous. It allows the warm rains to sing through the soil as they fall, and prevents surface washing. It makes the land lighter to work and prevents baking. It keeps the drained land drier in wet weather