

especially during the winter months. Associated with the dairy industry, the raising and fattening of swine has become an important branch of farming here ; poultry and eggs are also produced and exported in considerable quantities.

### Stock Raising and Dairying.

Much attention has been given to the breeding of horses, for which the Island has an excellent reputation. Beef cattle are also raised in excess of the requirements of the home market and the surplus exported ; and sheep breeding has become a large and important feature in farm work. Since the dairy and stock industries have grown so important, the hay, coarse grains and roots, formerly exported, have been, to a very large extent, consumed on the farms, and the increased quantity of manure thus obtained is rapidly bringing the land into better condition. The barnyard manure is supplemented by the use of " mussel mud," drawn from deposits found in comparatively still water along the sea shore. This mud consists chiefly of oyster and mussel shells, partly ground by the action of the water and mixed with decayed ~~snell-fish~~ and other animal remains.

### Cultivation of Fruits.

Fruit growing is not yet an important industry, but is gaining in favour and may be extended with profit. Excellent apples are produced on the Island. Plums, also, and cherries yield well, while all sorts of small fruits produce abundantly. Some small shipments of apples have been made to Great Britain with good results, but other fruits have not yet been grown in sufficient quantities to supply more than the local demand. The sun total of heat during the summer season is not usually sufficient to ripen the better classes of out-door grapes.