

COSMOPOLITAN POPULATION

under cultivation. According to the latest available statistics there are estimated to be 40,000,000 acres of land suitable for agriculture in Quebec, but only 16,000,000 acres of it are occupied, and only one-half of this is under cultivation, or one-fifth of the total. The Maritime Provinces have 20,000,000 acres suitable for agriculture, and 11,000,000 acres of it are under cultivation. Ontario has 50,000,000 acres of agricultural lands, has 23,000,000 acres of it occupied and 14,000,000 acres of it cultivated. Manitoba has 40,000,000 acres of farm land, and raises crops on a quarter of it. Saskatchewan has 68,000,000 acres of land for farming; her settlers have taken up 30,000,000, and have only 14,000,000 acres under cultivation. Alberta, with the largest agricultural area of all the provinces in Canada, 82,000,000 acres, has assigned only 20,000,000 acres, and of this only 4,000,000 acres are under cultivation. Last of all, British Columbia, with 25,000,000 acres of farm and fruit lands, has 3,000,000 acres occupied, and only one-third of this is actually under cultivation. Thus it may be seen that the provinces are cultivating only three-twentieths of their available land. It would be difficult to predict what the future has in store for Canada, when these millions of acres are brought under cultivation.

An idea of the size of Canada may be gained by comparing its area with that of other countries. It is found that the area of Canada is over one-third of the total area of the United