

the basic industry of this section of Canada as it is of the whole Dominion and without a much larger agricultural population the full development of the Eastern Townships cannot be accomplished. Hundreds of farmers, with splendid estates, are "land poor." They have more acres than they can cultivate. A steady immigration to the rural sections is the Eastern Townships' greatest need.

The Eastern Townships has scores of thriving towns and villages and the permanency of their prosperity, except for the fact that it is inseparable from that of the agricultural districts, seems more assured than that of the farming communities, owing to the drift of population from the land to the urban centres.

The Eastern Townships communities of 500 population or over are:—

Sherbrooke . . . . .	20,470	Thetford Mines . . .	7,129
Granby . . . . .	5,033	Victoriaville . . . . .	4,477
Magog . . . . .	4,193	Farnham . . . . .	3,766
Megantic . . . . .	3,246	Coaticook . . . . .	3,147
East Angus . . . . .	2,500	Asbestos . . . . .	2,288
Drummondville . .	2,250	Black Lake . . . . .	2,107
Richmond . . . . .	2,100	Windsor . . . . .	2,024
Waterloo . . . . .	2,000	Bedford . . . . .	1,405
Arthabaska . . . . .	1,350	Bromptonville . . . .	1,293
Plessisville . . . . .	1,800	Rock Island . . . . .	1,189
Danville . . . . .	1,132	Waterville . . . . .	1,052
Sutton . . . . .	1,000	Lennoxville . . . . .	1,400
Bury . . . . .	1,000	North Hatley . . . .	600
Cookshire . . . . .	1,000	Ayer's Cliff . . . . .	500
Cowansville . . . . .	900	Scotstown . . . . .	993
Beebe . . . . .	839	Warwick . . . . .	985
Stanstead . . . . .	762	Knowlton . . . . .	900
Robertsonville . . .	649	Weedon . . . . .	824
Compton . . . . .	500	Marbleton . . . . .	651
Sawyerville . . . . .	500	Eastman . . . . .	546
		Lyster . . . . .	500

Among other progressive and active village communities are Frelighsburg, Dunham, Stanbridge East, Clarenceville, Philipsburg, Mansonville, Sweetsburg, West Shefford, Roxton