

of the decreased number of cows shows a very marked improvement in the herds throughout the province. Some of the factories in the Eastern Townships find it more profitable to market cream in the U.S. than to manufacture butter or cheese.

FARMING.—*Cost of Starting.* Partial clearing can be done by contract at from \$8 to \$15 an acre. Cattle cost \$30 to \$75 each. Horses, \$100 to \$250; sheep, \$4 to \$6; swine, \$8; plows, \$13 to \$16; reapers and binders, \$110 to \$140; mowers, \$60 to \$80.

FLAX.—Cultivated in small areas, chiefly for its fibre. It is netted, scutched, spun and made into fabrics for household purposes by the wives and daughters of French-Canadian farmers. In 1911 the crop was 19,000 bushels from 1,719 acres.

Linen Manufacture. There is an excellent opportunity for the establishment of large linen mills.

FRUIT GROWING.—Fruit growing is being assisted by means of demonstration orchards supervised by Co-operative Societies and placed in charge of Superintendents. There are, in different parts of the Province over 30 experimental fruit stations. There are numbers of orchards in the Montreal District and in the Eastern Townships, where large quantities of apples, pears, cherries, and other fruits are grown. The Montreal District is famous for its Fameuse apples, and melons. In the District of Quebec, which is colder, there are also good orchards of apple, plum and cherry trees.

FODDER CROPS.—*Clover.* Clover growing for seed is encouraged by 22 demonstration fields and 22 clover threshers have been purchased by the Dept. of Agriculture.

Alfalfa. Alfalfa does well in the Montreal District and a few of the eastern counties, where corn and grapes thrive. In the n.e. part of the Province it is generally a failure.

GRAIN CROPS.—In 1913 the total yield and average yield per acre by bushels, as shown by threshers' measures, Dominion Returns, was as follows: Spring wheat 1,054,000 bushels from 58,000 acres, average 18.17 bushels; oats, 39,025,000 from 1,303,000 acres, average 29.95; barley, 2,263,000 from 89,000 acres, average 25.43; rye, 156,000 from 10,000 acres, average 15.60; peas, 451,000 from 26,000 acres, average 17.34; buckwheat, 2,560,000 from 110,000