

and refined, and is, therefore, worth three or four times as much as the raw product. The cooked article is used almost exclusively to improve the quality of the raw.

The wants of the United States are said to be the product of one hundred thousand acres annually. If this estimate be now excessive it must soon be reached and passed. One New York paper is reported to use the product of seven acres for its daily issue.

It is stated that owing to the expansion of this industry the greatest source of revenue in Sweden is derived from her forests; and that the Government are purchasing the private ones in order to secure their protection.

RAINFALL.

In the following tables the most noticeable feature is the small amount (as compared with the eastern provinces) of total precipitation with which Manitoba and the Northwest Territories produce such magnificent crops of cereals, dairy products and vegetables, as well as horses, beef, and bacon.

Wheat is there sown over a frozen subsoil which gradually yields its moisture to the influence of the sun, inciting and sustaining growth until the rain (more than half of which falls in the summer months) brings the grain to maturity. Of the total precipitation, nearly 75 per cent is rain between 1st April and 1st October, the remainder falling (chiefly as snow) during the other six months.

In these tables—stations in the watershed of the Great Lakes are placed together in alphabetical order for their respective lakes.