

APPENDIX No. 1

unchanging rules can be laid down for general guidance; each man bearing in mind the principles he is to practise, must use his own judgment and common sense in their application.

OUR HERITAGE IN AGRICULTURAL LANDS.

There is one subject which I have often referred to in public addresses, which I should like again to mention briefly this morning. In my twenty-five years of busy occupation in trying to acquire as thorough a knowledge as possible of Canadian agriculture in all its aspects, there is one idea which has impressed me most profoundly, and that is the enormous extent of the agricultural resources of this country. During that period it has been my privilege to travel some thirty times or more over the settled area lying between the Atlantic and the Pacific and to study its conditions and possibilities. Although the impressions on my own mind have been deepened from year to year during my annual or semi-annual visits, I find it very difficult to present the formidable figures which are required to meet this case in such a way as to admit of their being grasped so as to be understood.

Compared with the resources in minerals, forests, fisheries, etc., agriculture far outweighs them all. Although only a very small proportion of the total land area in Canada has yet been laid under tribute, the returns to the nation in agricultural products exceed those from all other sources.

Let us consider for a few moments the volume of our heritage in agricultural lands in the different parts of this great Dominion, and endeavour to get some slight insight into the wonderful agricultural possibilities which are sure to present themselves when the population of Canada shall have become at all proportioned to the size and resources of the country to be developed.

The approximate land surface (exclusive of the water areas) in the several parts of the Dominion are given in official documents as follows:—

	Square Miles.	Acres.
Eastern Provinces.		
Ontario..	219,650	149,576,000
Quebec..	344,450	220,448,000
Nova Scotia..	20,600	13,184,000
New Brunswick..	28,200	18,048,000
Prince Edward Island..	2,000	1,280,000
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Total in acres..		402,536,000
Prairie Provinces.		
Manitoba..	64,066	41,002,240
Saskatchewan..	242,332	155,000,000
Alberta..	251,180	161,000,000
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Total in acres..		357,002,240
British Columbia..	382,300	244,672,000

These figures give us a total of about 402,000,000 acres in the eastern provinces, in the three prairie provinces of about 357,000,000 acres and in British Columbia 244,000,000 acres, a grand total of 1,004,000,000 acres.

	Acres.
Besides this, Canada has a land area in the Yukon Territories	
of about..	125,000,000
In Mackenzie..	307,000,000
Keewatin..	318,000,000
Ungava..	176,000,000

A total in these comparatively unknown territories of about 926,000,000 acres.