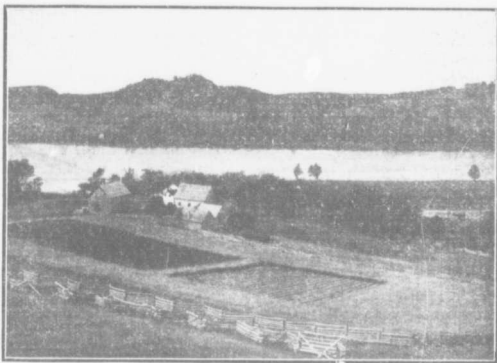


farm he can pay his debts and purchase in another locality where farms can be bought for less money. It will be easily seen that in a country so sparsely settled, where there is land for all who want it, there will always be farms for sale."

The question at once occurs to an inquirer:—"May not the explanation sometimes be that the farms for sale are not worth keeping, and therefore not worth buying?"

Yes, there are certainly bits of land called farms which no farmer with his wits about him would dream of buying. Some of these have been ill-chosen to begin with. Their soil, though not worthless, is worth less than the trouble spent in its cultivation, and should have been left to the forest from which it was foolishly taken. No one would take such land nowadays; though I do not mean to imply that all the wild land now in New Brunswick should be left wild, by any means, as we shall see later on.

Then there are many farms now poor, and therefore offered for poor prices, which once were productive and profitable,—and may



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be made so again. It is poor farming that has done the mischief; and it is good farming that will provide the remedy. It is not every good farmer who cares to take a run-down farm, even if he knows quite well he can run it up again easily enough. Nevertheless, many a man of this stamp, with more skill than money, and perhaps with a helpful family that would more than make up for lack of cash, might very well undertake such an enterprise.

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The ignorance which in the past turned good farms into bad ones, or only kept them good at the cost of incessant struggle, is now passing away.

The modern farmer in New Brunswick has shaken off the delusion that "education" is something to prepare men for city professions only,—something that cannot help him in his own work. Knowledge is spreading fast. Experimental farms, carried on by experts in the employ of the Federal Government, have given