

ONTARIO AGRICULTURAL COMMISSION.

APPENDIX S 4.

R E P O R T
ON THE
PRODUCTIONS OF THE COUNTY OF ESSEX

COMPILED BY

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AT THE REQUEST OF THE COMMISSIONERS.

Mr. McGregor, having been invited to give evidence on the productions of the County of Essex, attended at Chatham for that purpose, and made a statement which he has since amplified, the whole of the information given by him being embodied in the following report:

I have been settled in the County of Essex for a number of years.

SURPLUS WHEAT PRODUCTS.

We have a large surplus product in this county, principally of wheat, the surplus of that grain, for the last three years, amounting to about 500,000 bushels annually.

INDIAN CORN.

We do not export largely of corn, but we sell about 100,000 bushels a year to the distillers in the county. The remainder is used in feeding pork, which brings us in, annually, about \$400,000. Corn is about the most certain crop we have.

PORK—SALT.

Our production of pork is almost as certain as the season itself. Our pork is the same as the American pork, because it is fed in the same way—that is chiefly upon corn. It brings as much as any pork in the market. Goderich salt and Liverpool rock salt are mostly used in the curing. I don't think any objection is made by packers to the Huron salt.

ECONOMIC WOOD.

We have another great industry in our county, that is wood. We have about twenty-five mills which cut hardwood, and this wood is exported to various parts of the

[Mr. McGregor.]