

every one for himself, after having properly weighed the following
Persons who have been engaged in agriculture the greater part of their lives,—practical and competent farmers, and judges of the capacity of different soils,—say, that the soil is unsurpassed by that of Kentucky and States farther south, and naturally superior to the adjoining northern States. It is not only indicated by the rich, dark and heavy appearance, and the depth of the soil, which is seldom reached by plows of the greatest capacity, but by the character of the products, and the unequalled growth and size of timber on uncleared lands. Wheat, the staple product of the country, averages sixty pounds to the bushel—often actually exceeding that; fifty-six is the standard weight in the United States; and leaving out Delaware, that is seldom reached. The forest consists of walnut, hickory, white and burr oak, basswood, ash, pine, poplar—all of the largest size, and other inferior kinds of wood with which we are not familiar in our northern woods. There is a greater variety in them, and larger size, and knowing that the size of vegetables depends mainly upon the quantity of nutriment afforded by the soil, we are led in this instance to infer its superiority. Besides the well known wheat, oats, buckwheat, Indian corn, and other grains, are raised of good quality, and with profit, and more to the acre than is usually obtained in the States, except on the application of fertilizing materials—a mode not much practised in Canada hitherto, the land not having been exhausted sufficiently to require such appliances to further its productiveness. The varieties of soil, are a black loam, sandy loam, clay, and sand, but a black loam is the predominating kind. I speak now of the cultivated districts, and those in process of clearing, as far north as Lord Selkirk's settlement, for the country beyond the present limits of civilization, I do not feel warranted in speaking, nor to give in other than general terms, the testimony of those acquainted with that region. It is said to be equally fertile, but the products not so varied, because of its more northern situation. The general appearance of the province is undulating, though there is much level country. Numerous and beautiful rivers, and smaller streams, run through the country, in all directions, so that there is no lack of wa-