

timber, the quality of the soil, and the amount of land under cultivation.

There are also government lands and lands in the hands of private companies sold at prices of about one dollar or (4s. 2d. sterling) per acre.

THE YOUNGER SONS OF ENGLISH GENTLEMEN, AS FARMERS IN CANADA.

Many gentlemen in England, who have younger sons to start in life, turn for that purpose to the Colonies. Many younger sons of gentlemen have, of late years, come to Canada.

Many of such men (especially where they have been brought up in towns) are scarcely fitted for the position of a Canadian farmer.

Their appreciation of the freedom and happiness of a country life is not generally sufficient to compensate for the loss of society, the steady hard work, economical habits, and very gradual independence which accompany the career of the Canadian farmer.

Unless a man becomes wedded to his farm, loves to be at work, and takes the greatest interest in the welfare of his stock and the growth of his crops, he simply throws himself away in coming to farm in this country.

Some have bought farms, settled down, and are doing well ; others have become disgusted, and have either sought situations in towns, where, be it remembered, they have no influential friends to back them, or have returned to their homes.

Of the last two classes, the latter have, doubtless, been the wiser, for they have tasted colonial life and will, at least, know how to value any good thing that they may drop into at home.

Experience has been bought, and, if not paid for at too dear a rate, parents need not consider their money to have been altogether wasted.

For our own part, we consider that the gentleman who lives on his farm here has no reason to envy the man in the best of situations ; but to act up to such a way of thinking, steady industry and strict economy must be practised.

Any young man coming out here to practise farming must be determined to *work hard* and *live cheaply*, or he cannot succeed.

Gentlemen must remember that their sons who come to farm in Canada lose many of the luxuries of home life, will see but little society, and will, in everyway, lead a widely different life from that to which they have been accustomed.

Parents cannot be too careful not to force their sons to a farmer's life in Canada, for there are few countries in which there are less restraints upon a young man, or more temptations to lead him "to the dogs."