

and yet so blind that it can be construed either way, to restore the land to the masses, as a remedy for the evils they originated. As one lie often requires many more to hide it, so one false piece of legislation leads to many more which continually keeps

society in hot water, destroys all permanent prosperity, unsettles the industry of a country, creates desires for radical changes, and for revolutions like that in the United States that eventually flood the land with the blood of a fratricidal war.

## CANADIAN AGRICULTURE.

It is well known that Canadian agriculture is not in that healthy state it should be. Canada has long been classed among the first wheat growing countries in the world, it is now fast losing the credit it has hitherto enjoyed. If we examine the late statistics we will find that nearly all the old counties in Upper Canada that used to raise Fall Wheat most abundantly now only return from eight to twenty bushels to the acre as follows:

	FALL	SPRING.
Welland.....	10 bush.	16 bush.
York.....	20 "	20 "
Wentworth.....	15 "	17 "
Halton.....	18 "	18 "
Elgin.....	12 "	16 "
Essex.....	18 "	17 "
Lincoln.....	3 "	13 "
Prince-Edward.	9 "	19 "

The new counties give a far higher proportion.

	FALL	SPRING.
Huron.....	28 bush.	23 bush.
Bruce. .	25 "	20 "
Gray.....	28 "	17 "

We have not given the fractions, the round numbers are sufficient to show that counties which in former years made such ample returns for the labor bestowed upon them are far behind the new counties in the yield of exportable products, especially white wheat.

It is evident that the seasons are not the chief cause of the deficiencies, that the apparently least likely sections of the country, and cultivated with the least experience, yield altogether better returns than the older sections.

The blame has year after year been placed upon first one cause and then another, upon one insect and then another. Years ago rust was one of the most fatal evils the farmer had to fear, of late years it has had but little to do with the decrease. In Lower Canada the deficiency, in fact the almost entire absence of wheat culture over vast tracts, that once returned as abundant yields as the best sections of Canada West, should not only raise the curiosity of our legislators, but, should arouse our statesmen to perceive the necessity of devising some system to restore the abundance of