

SUNBEAM

Vol. XXIV.

TORONTO, OCTOBER 3, 1903.

No. 20.

CANADA'S CAUSE FOR THANKSGIVING.

This is the thanksgiving number of Sunbeam. If the hearts of any people in the world should be filled with thanksgiving it should be those of the people of Canada. The present writer has seen many lands, but he has seen none where the conditions of existence are more advantageous than in our beloved Canada. Seldom, if ever, have these conditions been more favourable than they are today. God has favoured our country with

could be heaped on Canada or its representatives were too great.

The discovery of the gold and wealth of Rossland, Klondike, and Wawa, and the still greater wealth of our golden harvests have attracted the attention of millions beyond the sea. We may expect a near future development of the resources and increases of the population of our beloved Canada such as it has never seen before.

God crowneth the year with his goodness; and his paths drop fatness. If we would, as a nation, express our true

ON THE FARM.

Most of the readers of this paper live in the country, many of them on the farm. There is no better place to live. None that will better develop a strong and sturdy manhood with vigour of body and mind. The farmer feedeth all, the king himself is served by the field. The cities are depending not only for food, but for the brain, and brawn, and muscle that run the great enterprises of the age, on the fresh blood that continually pours in from the country.

No life is more independent than that



AN ONTARIO FARM HOMESTEAD.

a bountiful harvest. The price of grain and all kinds of produce in all the markets of the world gives the Canadian farmer a splendid recompense for his toil.

The splendid position of Canada as the very foremost of all the great colonies of the empire, comprising two-fifths of its whole extent, has been recognized in the mother country and throughout the world. The generous gifts of Canada to the famine-stricken sister dependency of India profoundly impressed the mother country with a sense of the great resources of our country. At the Jubilee no honours that

thanksgiving, we would obey the injunction of the wise king of Israel, "Honour the Lord with thy substance, and with the first-fruits of all thine increase; so shall thy barns be filled with plenty, and thy presses shall burst out with new wine."

Then shall we realize the blessing promised in the Word of God, "That our garners may be full, affording all manner of store; that our oxen may be strong to labour; that there be no breaking in, nor going out; that there be no complaining in our streets."

of the farmer. What would we do if there was no one to cultivate and till the soil for us that we may be supplied with food? How much in the way of variety should we have if it were not for the farmers, be they tillers of acres or of only the small garden patch. I fear that some of us would be under the necessity of turning farmers ourselves.

And yet, independent as he may be of all human aid, it seems to me that in no other occupation is a man so dependent upon the Creator, for no other leads one so near God and heaven, if he