

acres, and there is no need of this divisibility referred to. As members of families wish to branch off, there is plenty of good land easy of access to take up from the Crown at moderate cost, (notwithstanding the land jobbing ventilated last winter.) Much good land is also to be had from the N. B. and N. S. Land Company. The diversity of employment among us, the attraction of the Western Prairies, the gold fields of Australia and California, and a general distaste among the rising generation for farming, have prevented, to any extent, the subdivision of farms from their first extent. Our old improved farms fronting on the rivers and streams, are large enough for those plans of progressive improvement which give dignity to agriculture, involving the application of knowledge, and the expenditure of capital; and yet small enough to leave a personal relation between the farmer and the land he tills.

They should have stated before now, that they do not pretend to offer the farms of this county as remarkable for the fertility of their soil, yet a perusal of the appendix to this and former reports, will show weights of roots and grain that will compare favorably with those of any other country, yet they think they have presented something that should make our farmers contented with their lot. They might continue by showing that the causes which make the soil what it is, give us other natural advantages, not otherwise to be had. We lose in some things to be gainers by others, and so far as man's relation to the land is concerned, it is one of dignity and desirability, peculiarly so, compared with the whole civilized world; and the rest of the counties of the Province share with York in this advantage. There are dissatisfied men in all countries on the civilized world, and our country is not exempt. That we have men who do emigrate we do not deny, so has every other country. The aborigines set us the example—they move twice a year, to the rivers and streams in the spring, and to the sheltered forests in winter. Nothing shows the ambition of the young men of the country more than this ambition to excel, although it should cause them to leave the land of their nativity.

They would now say to our young men—let the young man who has resolved to become or be a farmer, after selecting his farm, be fixed in his purpose, to improve the fertility of that farm and his homestead by every means within his power; and to enable him to do this, he should take some good agricultural paper or papers,—one of the best is the *Country Gentleman*, printed at Albany by Tucker & Son. He should attend the meetings and shows of his locality without fail, and as many others as convenient. He must turn a deaf ear to the silvery stories of the Far West with their thousand acre fields of yellow grain, wafted by the wind for miles, but let him hear it unmoved; they have no *Mountains*, they have no *Sea*, the two great voices of nature are silent. From the barren Mountains and the unfurrowed Sea, the soil and the mind of man draw their divinely nurtured. Health too will surely be yours here, and may not be there. The soil of York hides no fatal disease in its bosom; here

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