

To the second part of the objection it may be answered, that of the fifty farmers who gave in the returns, twenty-five are of opinion that farming *will not pay*. It may be assumed that they, at least, would not wish to represent matters in too favourable a light, and yet their returns give no less favorable a view of produce and prices than do those of the twenty-five who say that farming *will pay*.

As to the prices given, the returns are more than confirmed by a price current running over five years, made up from the Colonial Advocate Newspaper, and likewise published in the Report.

It is important to know, that the statistics with which these are compared were made up in precisely the same manner, namely, by returns from Agricultural Societies and farmers.

No one in this Province will presume to say that more authentic or trustworthy information could be obtained in any country than from such men as Walton, Mowat and Farmer, of Charlotte County; Gilbert, Chapman, Crane and Trenholm, of Westmorland; Otty, Hayward, Aiton and McLeod, of King's; Coster, Robertson, Perkins and Smith, of Queen's; Hubbard, Clowes, Harrison and Simonds, of York; Rankin and Pickett, of Carleton; Steven, Lewis, Wallace and McLatchey, of Albert; Layton and Wheton of Kent; Porter and Hea, of Northumberland; Baldwin and Lockhart, of Gloucester; and Stewart, of Restigouche.

There are many, however, who, from having made up their minds that this is not a farming country, or from being naturally predisposed to criticise, grumble, and find fault, will continue to assail this, as they do every effort at improvement, with sneers, doubts and ridicule. It is not expected that evidence or argument can have any effect upon such.

It did not surprise those who were familiar with the produce of the Northern States and New-Brunswick, to be told, that the Grain, Vegetables and Grass of New-Brunswick surpassed those of New-England in quantity and quality. All who had travelled with their eyes open had seen it, and those who had thought at all upon the subject must have been aware that prices of provisions must needs be higher in the importing than in the exporting country, by, at least, the charges for transport and merchants' profits.

As compared with Great Britain, to those who knew that it is not the annual average temperature, but the quantity of heat distributed through the summer months, that effects the growth and maturity of grain and vegetables, it needed only to be told, that while in Great Britain the temperature barely reaches the required standard, in New-Brunswick it considerably exceeds it, to expect it to follow, that while in Great Britain a fall of one or two degrees in the summer temperature spreads dismay over the land, causes a certain and serious deficiency, and in many localities hinders the ripening of wheat and even oats; in New-Brunswick, on the contrary, wheat, oats and barley have never failed to ripen when sown in good season, and in favorable circumstances, and that Indian Corn, which, in England, can scarcely be grown, is here a productive, and generally a sure crop.

The Directors understand, that in addition to the 1000 copies of Professor Johnston's Report, already published, another edition of 10,000 copies is being printed.

It is expected that these will be distributed for sale at a cheap rate through every town and village in Great Britain and Ireland, and that a copy will be placed in every agricultural library. Thus will a knowledge of our advantages, as a field for emigration be communicated to thousands in the older countries, who are seeking to escape from the evils incidental to excessive competition, and to find a home where an honest living may be obtained by patient industry.

If, in addition to this, the Report be read, and the directions contained in it be, to any extent, put into practice by the farmers of the Province, evidence will soon be furnished in the increased productiveness of the soil and consequent prosperity of all connected with agriculture, that to increase knowledge is to increase power, and that all that has been judiciously expended in obtaining this knowledge has been well laid out.

In conclusion, the Directors are gratified to be able to record, that a desire for

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