

### Necessary Capital.

under what the same price the Pre-emption a uniform rate the Timber Act of trees on the third 160 acres rent fees, as of trees. such as Dakota come, in eight for £50.

The prospects open to young men who have had a year's training on an American homestead, and the amount of capital necessary to start them successfully on farms of their own ought, in our judgment, to be clearly explained to parents at the outset.

People often fall into the error of supposing that because land is *given away* to every applicant, both in the States and Canada, little or *no amount of capital is necessary to farm with*. Parents who send out their sons to be trained for a year on an American Farm, and then expect them to make a start as farmers without capital, will find that such expectations will prove a

delusion. Representations made to that effect in any quarter whatever are, (we speak from much experience,) quite true that many Americans do acquire a "Homestead" with little or no capital; but such men are BORN TO LABOUR, and are compelled to live hard and work hard for several years. They must hire themselves out in harvest, and at other busy times; undertake ploughing up to £1, or "breaking" for other farmers, often at a distance; and at the approach of winter, frequently betake themselves to the "woods," there to work as "lumbermen," leaving their farm and stock to the care of the family.

For such a life as this, a young English settler is, as a rule, obviously ill-fitted. Our experience leads us to the conclusion that unless some small capital is available for the future advancement of young men, the prospect of their attaining positions of independence on farms of their own is very small.