

Quebec, in Nova Scotia and New Brunswick which are broken and more or less unprofitable for any form of husbandry except sheep-raising. In the new Provinces of Alberta and Saskatchewan, where they raise a really good quality of merino and cross-bred wools, capable of great improvement yet, there are areas of land better suited for sheep ranching than any other form of ranching, and it only requires that the natural feud between the cattle and sheep ranchers of the American West be avoided on the Canadian side by separate reservations for each purpose. But leaving aside the use of poor lands for the pasturage of large flocks, in the rich and populous farming regions of the country sheep can compete with any other live stock to the benefit of the farmer, certainly with a permanently larger demand and higher price for wool. This is manifest from the answers of correspondents to the special enquiry made in 1905 by the Ontario Department of Agriculture. The following is a typical answer from a Perth county farmer: "There is more profit in sheep than in any other animal on the farm, but farmers have been careless and allowed sheep to take care of themselves. . . . Another thing in favor of sheep is that they can make a living on the fields two or three weeks longer in the fall, and can be turned out two or three weeks earlier in the spring than any other animal, and they will kill all burdock and many other weeds. And they are easier handled in the winter." Andrew McPherson, a well-known Nova Scotia farmer, writes in the "Farmers' Advocate": "We have a country free from the diseases that affect flocks in other places. Scab and stomach worms are unknown. We can raise the feed that makes the best quality of mutton at the lowest cost. . . . Such a flock [40 or 50 on every farm] would pay a higher dividend than any other live stock, and with less work to the owner. We hear a great deal nowadays of the scarcity of farm help. Does not the sheep industry solve that problem to some extent, and can we not, with lighter work and increased profits, keep our boys on the farm?" Senator Ferguson holds like views with regard to sheep in Prince Edward Island, and considers there are moral aspects to sheep-