

AGRICULTURE IN CANADA.

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Agriculture in Canada overshadows all other industries in its magnitude and importance, and whatever affects the farmer favourably or adversely, re-acts in like manner on other branches of industry. About 46% of the entire population make their living directly from the products of the soil. Hence all questions which influence the prosperity of agriculture are of great interest to the Canadian people.

In the pursuit of agriculture the degree of success achieved depends largely on favourable conditions.

Soil.

A fertile soil is a point of the greatest importance, and in this respect Canada is very much favoured, having vast areas of rich land, easily worked, bountifully supplied with plant food and well suited for the growth of cereals, fodder plants, and other important farm crops.

Climate.

Climate also is an important factor in connection with successful agriculture, and in this particular the Dominion is also fortunate. The climate is wonderfully varied in different parts, thus permitting of the growth of a large variety of farm products and fruits. The great water system of lakes and rivers affects favourably the climate of the older provinces and permits of the success-