

1,200,000 square miles of territory, and that there is a possible area of 650,000 square miles fitted for the growth of potatoes, 407,000 suitable for barley, and 316,000 suitable for wheat. That there is a pastoral area of 860,000 square miles, 26,000 of which is open prairie with occasional groves; 274,000 square miles, including the prairie, may be considered as arable land. "

In the short time at my disposal, I have only been able to touch the fringe of the subject of this paper; but further information, of a valuable and practical nature, as to the capacity of Canada for wheat-growing, and for the production of other farm and dairy produce, can be gleaned from the reports [which may be obtained at my office] of the twelve British tenant farmers who visited the Dominion in 1890, for the purpose of investigating and reporting upon its agricultural resources. This statement may seem to be in the nature of an advertisement of Canada as a field for emigration, but a perusal of the reports will, I am sure, justify the suggestion I have ventured to make.

It seems impossible to doubt the practicability of producing within the borders of the Empire all the food products required by Great Britain, and it is equally obvious that the competition between India, Australasia, and Canada may be safely relied upon to prevent an increase in the cost of such commodities.

The advantage of being independent of foreign countries in a question so vital as the necessary supply of food will be greatly enhanced by the increased demand in all these great outlying portions of the Empire for the products of British industry in these islands; while, at the same time, powerful British communities will be rapidly growing up in Australasia, South Africa, and Canada, making the Empire strong where it is now weak. A policy with these objects in view would be much wiser than that which has hitherto prevailed, under which the population and capital of this country have largely gone to increase the power of nations which, at any rate from a commercial point of view, do not show any excessive friendship for our Mother Country.

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