

ahead even of the Western States as a wheat-producing country, the average production of wheat in the whole of the Western States being only ten bushels for each inhabitant. Of the nine leading staples of agriculture, common to both countries—wheat, Indian corn, rye, barley, oats, buckwheat, peas, beans, and potatoes—she produced 55·95 bushels for each inhabitant, while of the same articles the United States produced only 43·42 bushels for each inhabitant. Excluding Indian corn from the list, she produced of the remaining articles, 54·34 bushels for each inhabitant, against 16·74 bushels for each inhabitant, produced in the United States. In proportion to population, she had more capital invested in live stock than the United States, the value of live stock owned in Ontario being \$38·13 per head of the population, while in the United States it was \$34·64 per head of the population. For every hundred of the population, Ontario owned 27 horses, and the United States only 20. For every hundred inhabitants, Ontario owned 32 milch cows, and the United States, only 27. For every hundred inhabitants Ontario owned 84 sheep, and the United States only 71; of live stock, in the number of pigs only was she exceeded by the United States, in proportion to population. In 1860 she produced 19·22 pounds of butter for every inhabitant, while the United States produced only 14·62 pounds. In the same year she produced 2·62 pounds of wool for each inhabitant, while the United States produced only 1·92 pounds. In the nine years from 1851 to 1860, she increased her annual production of butter by 67 per cent., while in the United States, in ten years from 1850 to 1860, the increase in the production of butter was only 46½ per cent. And in nine years she increased her production of wool 40 per cent., while in ten years the United States increased their production of wool only 15 per cent.

These facts need no comment. They speak for themselves and exhibit a most gratifying progress in Ontario, both absolutely and relatively, as compared with the United States.

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