

THE first visit to London of Mr. C. C. James, C.M.G., Deputy Minister of Agriculture for the Province of Ontario, since he was honoured by the King for his work in the interests of agriculture, was made the occasion of a very pleasant gathering at the Ontario Government Offices, 163, Strand, W.C., of London Editors of British agricultural papers.

Among those who accepted the invitation of Mr. N. B. Colcock, Agent in Great Britain for the Ontario Government, to hear an unusually well-informed address on the agricultural opportunities of the Province of Ontario were:—

T. W. Sanders, Esq., F.L.S., F.R.H.S., Knight of the First Class of the Royal Order of Wasa, Sweden (Editor, "Amateur Gardening"); G. T. Burrows, Esq. ("Agricultural Gazette"); A. J. Barton, Esq. ("Farm, Field and Fireside"); C. P. Prown, Esq. ("Daily Mail"); G. H. Lepper, Esq. ("Standard of Empire"); Alex. Grant, Esq. ("Farmer and Stockbreeder"); D. Edwyn Thomas, Esq. ("Farm and Home"); A. B. Bunyard, Esq. ("Farm Life").

After a formal introduction by Mr. N. B. Colcock, Mr. James, after referring to the pleasure which it gave him to meet representatives of the weekly rural press of Great Britain, gave an address, of which the following is a synopsis. Frequent reference was made to maps of Canada and of Ontario.

Canada was the first of the overseas Colonies to organise herself into a Dominion, which is made up of nine provinces in all. Quebec and the three maritime provinces form the eastern half; British Columbia and the three prairie provinces lie to the west of the Great Lakes; Ontario is the connecting link between these two groups. This central location of Ontario is a matter of great importance. All Canadian transcontinental railways must of necessity pass through Ontario. For 25 years the Canadian-Pacific has been in operation. By the end of 1912 the Grand Trunk Pacific will be completed, and following soon after that the Canadian Northern will be carrying people and produce east and west. Located on the central section of these three great transcontinental lines, Ontario will be in direct railway communication with all other parts of the Dominion. Then by referring to the map you will see how well Ontario is served by the Great Lakes and rivers—the southern portion of Ontario is almost surrounded by the greatest system of fresh water lakes in the world. Two results follow, the advantages of cheap water transportation and the modifying of climate. Another point to be noted is that this southern portion lies within the United States rather than to the north of