

and all descriptions of fruit-bearing plants seem to do well. Clover and all the grasses are eminently successful even on the ridges ; such a thing as burnt-up pastures being almost unknown, the herbage being green and fresh from early spring till snow falls again in the autumn. In a warm and well-watered country like this, crops can be raised on soil that would be useless if subject to drought.

Mr. Walter Sharp, of lots number 4 and 5 in the 13th concession of the Township of Draper, had 15 acres last year under oats, which yielded 900 bushels, or 60 bushels to the acre.

Mr. Andrew Thompson, Postmaster at Uffington, in the Township of Draper, and District of Muskoka, planted an early rose potatoe weighing one and three quarter ounces, and raised from the same sixteen and three-quarter pounds, thus yielding 153 times the quantity planted.

The Rev. Mr. Rogers, Presbyterian minister, states in the *Record* for January, 1871.

"The crops this year (1870) are excellent. I saw fields of oats that would yield 50 bushels per acre, also very good samples of wheat and the best potatoes I have ever tasted. I saw also many patches of Indian corn, of excellent growth and fully matured, and ripe tomatoes in great abundance."

The following is from the *Northern Advocate* :

EARLY ROSE POTATOES.—The Rev. Mr. Hill, of Peninsula Farm, Chaffey Township, planted two pounds of early rose potatoes, which yielded 224 $\frac{3}{4}$ pounds. At this rate an acre would produce between 1100 and 1200 bushels. We place Muskoka against any county in Ontario for potatoes.

WATER MELONS.—We have to thank Mr. Jacob Spence of the township of Draper for a valuable present of superior water melons just received. It was once thought that melons would not ripen here, but this season has demonstrated that they can be raised, and that the quality is equal to any grown in Ontario.

From the Report of the Commissioner of Agriculture and Public Works for 1870.

"I am glad to learn that most of those who have settled on the free grant lands seem to be satisfied with their choice. The excellent samples of wheat, oats, peas, &c., that were sent to my Department from the neighborhood of Bracebridge, which did not arrive in time for the Pro-