

CLIMATE AND FARM PRODUCTS.

and March is between one and two degrees lower than in Montreal. The average of all temperatures during January and February is several degrees higher than in Montreal, but in all the other months the average temperature is several degrees lower than at Montreal, and the season without frost is nearly three weeks shorter. The lake St. John district affords a very good illustration of the fact that climate depends more upon local influences than upon latitude. Although about 100 miles north of Quebec city, its temperatures average several degrees higher and the summer is several weeks longer. There is a large area of good farm land in this district. In the vicinity of lake Timiskaming, on the boundary of Ontario, about 300 miles northwest of Montreal, the climate is about the same as at Quebec city. Explorers report that on the slope towards James bay the climate is better than immediately south of the watershed, and that a great deal of land is suitable for cultivation. As regards the climate, soil and natural resources of Ungava almost nothing is known.



FIG. 2. FARM IN PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND.

The section of Quebec province bordering on the lower St. Lawrence, partly owing to its mountainous character and partly to the influence of the Arctic current flowing through Belle Isle strait, has a rather severe climate and is not generally well suited to agriculture. The mainland, northeast of Anticosti island, is little better than Labrador. Anticosti itself is believed to possess considerable areas of good land. West of that the climate is better and there is a good deal of fertile land in the valleys. The islands in the river west of Anticosti are all fertile. The isle of Orleans, a little below Quebec city, has always been noted for its grapes. The best agricultural region of the province is the fertile valley extending on both sides of the St. Lawrence river from Montreal to Quebec city, and reaching as far east as Kamouraska on the south shore, with an area about the same as that of Holland.