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Attractions and Advantages Set Out By an Ontario Writer After a Tour of the Province-No Other Part of Canada Made Such a Strong Appeal

The following letter appears in the Farmer's Advocate:-

Unfortunately, in Ontario, as well as in the other Provinces of Canada, the tide of travel takes us westward, and few of us realize how much we miss by our indifference to the attractions o the Maritime Provinces in general, and New Brunswick in particular. While engaged in the work of the Women's Institutes in that Province, I had an excellent opportunity, such as falls to the lot of few, to become ac quainted with the Province, and particularly with the agricultural population.

There is a fascination about New Brunswick—the rivers are so large, the hills are so high and the distances are so great. The gradual slope of the farms on either bank of the rivers, the dense woods, the wonderful inland waterways and the excellent harbors, make New Brunswick one of the most desirable Provinces in our Dominion.

The impressions that I received on my first trip in the Province, from McAdam Junction up to Perth, have remained very clear, and it is to this part of the Province that my thoughts turn first. For miles we ran-along the shores of the St. John river, and I never saw this river afterwards without feeling that I was getting back home. As far as have seen there is no other river in Canada that can compare with this "Rhine of America." The farms slope gradually away from the river, their upper edges covered with spruce woods. All summer long the river is dotted by immense rafts of spruce logs being towed down to mills at St. John.

It is not only in this river that the rafts of logs are to be found but in every river and stream in the Province large enough to float a log. Millions of feet are taken out of New Brunswick woods each year, and yet the lumberman will tell you that, owing to the rapid growth of the spruce tree, the forests are just as valuable today as they ever were, and, after seeing the woods at close range, you can mass of vegetation, through which it would be almost impossible to force a path. The gray caribou moss hangs from the branches of the spruce trees, and the thick undergrowth grows to the very edge of the roads. If a cleared piece of land

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> The New Brunswick woods must be a delight to hunters for many times in our trip we caught sight of deer, and once saw two moose, like clumsy, overgrown colts, trotting through a piece of half cleared land which lay along the track. We heard tales of bears and of the great cats which inhabit the woods in some districts, and making the keeping of sheep an impossibility for the surround ing farmers.

One of the first impressions you get in New Brunswick is, "What a great Province for agriculture!" This impression is particularly strong when going through Carleton County; in the districts surrounding Sussex, and going further inland in the districts back from the St. John River or along the Petitcodiac. Unfortunately, the majority of the farming class in New Bruns wick have never proved this impression to be true, probably be cause they have never been entirely dependent on their farms as a means of support. In the winter numbers of the men work in the lumber woods, and very often go river-driving in the early summer, and the farm is a secondary consideration. They farming very ardently, and so the farms are neglected for lum- able. bering in the winter, and very The farms are often cropped steadily without any regard for the soil or for the advantages of rotation of crops, until much of the land is useless, and will require years to build it up to its old-time fertility. There are many cases, however, where the land has been intelligently work ed, and the results prove that given a fair chance, the greater part of the soil of New Brunswick will yield just as profitable crops as anywhere in the Do-

The Government has proved that, with proper care, apples, may be grown to great advantage in the Province, and they have established several demonstration orchards which are prov ing to the farmers that apples cannot only be grown, but can be profitably grown.

The farm homes in New Bruns wick are particularly attractive. easily believe it. They are a solid During my trip through the Province I never saw a stone building, and only twice did I see a brick house. The houses are clapboarded or shingled and are painted white, with red roofs Very often the other buildings are white, also, and it seems to give the whole landscape a fresh, clean appearance, when it is dotted with these groups of white buildings. The schools are also painted white, and, in comparison with our stone buildings, are, on the out side, at least, particularly clean and cheerful looking.

It was the churches of New Brunswick that attracted me particularly. Every couple of miles you pass a church painted white like the other buildings, and even within a mile or two of the large towns you find these New Brunswick were particular West, and in many cases these

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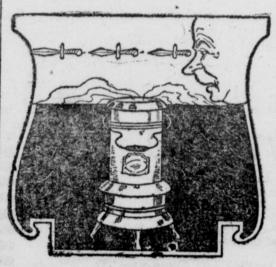
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ly religious or wether they need young farmers have left their of us in the other provinces do side to this question Perhaps the New Brunswicker realizes that it takes exceptional relig church over such roads as they dig up the sod and clay from it up in the middle, and then blame the Government because the result is, to say the least, not all that can be desired

New Brunswick, like all the Eastern Provinces, has given up

ed the churches more than some farms and their comfortable homes to face the hardships of where we confine our church the West, not realizing that the building efforts to the towns Province of New Brunswick will There may, however, be another in the near future prove an undeveloped gold mine. Because of this Westward movement, farms may be secured very, very cheaply. ious zeal to stand a drive of four In some cases the money paid for or five or six or seven miles to the entire farm would not put up the buildings which are on the have in most of the country dis place. This state of things makes tricts Those roads-the farmers New Brunswick a particularly attractive spot for the home-seeker the sides of the roads and bank from over the seas. Here, wellwatered, well-wooded farming land may be obtained very reasonably, when fancy prices would have to be paid for some treeless, waterless home on the plains, where the settler would have to build his own country churches I could never many of its best citizens to help shack and run chances of frost and decide wether the people of populate the great Canadian drouth. Nowhere have I met with such wholesouled hospitality as (Continued on page 3)