

Bountiful Maples.

The making of maple sugar and syrup has become but a memory in the recollection of residents in many of the older parts of Canada. The industry is still, however, an important one over large areas in Quebec and to a less extent in Ontario and the provinces down by the sea. Sugar making from the maple, which is confined entirely to this continent, had a very early beginning. Before the advent of the white man the Indian had learned to extract and concentrate the same of the mand toncentrate the sap of the maple tree, On the approach of spring the trees were gashed, with the tomahawk, in a slanting direction and beneath the opening made was inserted a wooden chip or spout to direct the fluid drop by drop into the receptacle reston the ground. caught in a birch bark dish and boiled in earthen kettles. The small quantity of dark, thick syrup thus made was the only sugar available to the Indians and is stated by early writers to have been highly prized. The early settlers from the Old Land learned from the Indians the art of sugar making and indeed followed for many years their crude methods of manufacture. Even yet primitive equipment and methods are stated to be used in back sections of the country that turn out their annual crop

of inferior syrup and sugar.

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