CLIMATE.

Seasonable weather brings about the best results in the development of animal and vegetable life. Our climate is seasonable. The winters are cold, likewise steady and free from "break-ups." The atmosphere is dry, the winds light and unfrequent, while throughout the season the ground is coated with snow to an average depth of about eighteen inches. The advantages of these conditions are obvious. By its ample covering of snow the ground is protected from killing frost; by reason of the absence of winds and lack of excessive moisture, discomforts and inconvenience are not experienced; because of unchangeableness of weather, the good health of man and beast is unaffected. Splendid roads and easy hauling are additional advantages, when from the nature of things our winter season is as busy a time as any other. Enforced idleness at any season of the year is an unknown condition here. In winter the farmer, besides attending to the ordinary requirements of the farm, cuts and skids his timber, hauls up the fuel which he cut in the fall, hauls his tan bark and his railroad ties, his spruce pulp wood, basswood bolts and cedar poles, and perhaps finds it to his advantage to take his team into the logging camps and put in from six weeks to two months at good wages.

Spring and summer enter upon the performance of their functions with the steadiness and zest of their predecessor. Under a warm sun and with a rain fall which in amount exceeds by two hundred per cent. that of the prairie regions, all vegetation fairly bursts forth from the soil. Throughout the summer the days are warm, and the growth of plants can almost be seen; the nights, however, are uniformly cool. What a blessing! What workingman does not appreciate this? And will it be said that brute creation fails to return silent thanks?

THE SOIL.

Although the topic of the soil is one of chiefest importance, we do not elaborate upon it for the reason that it is most thoroughly and scientifically treated in another work. Under direction of the Legislature, Prof. W. A. Henry, Dean of the Agricultural Department of the State University, assisted by eminent specialists, has prepared and written a treatise on this most important subject covering all counties of Northern Wisconsin. The book is published and is for free distribution. A few facts will here be given, however.