

Agricultural Possi- bilities of Northern Wisconsin

People familiar with agriculture in the southern half of the state are the very class of people to build homes in the northern part. This is especially true of the sons and daughters of our farmers. Familiar with our customs and practices, and knowing of our interests socially and politically, these people drifting northward, become the very best of farmers and citizens. They are proud of Wisconsin and loyal to its every interest.

Thousands of readers of this article need not be told what can be produced in the northern half of our state.

Grasses and Clover.

For the benefit of others let it be noted that grasses and clovers flourish particularly in this region. Timothy grows everywhere and Kentucky blue grass seems indigenous for one finds it creeping along the roadsides and through the bare spots in the timber-lands. The clovers are particularly at home. Red and alsike clover usually give two crops a year. These plants are not so easily

killed out in winter as in southern Wisconsin, because when winter comes on in our northland, cold weather prevails continuously and there is the absence of freezing and thawing which is so fatal to clover life. White clover is found everywhere in the north, and, like blue grass, seems indigenous.

Potatoes.

We all know that the potato plant thrives best in a cool summer climate on rich soil. Central Wisconsin is already widely advertised for its great crops of magnificent potatoes. In that region this tuber has paid off many a mortgage. What is true of the central portion of the state holds equally well for large regions further north. Northern grown potatoes are more completely filled with starch and possess a higher, better flavor than the soggy, half-developed specimens of the same tuber growing further south in this country. Rutabagas, sugar beets, common peas and garden vegetables generally, are of the highest quality when grown in the north.

Peas.

A plant that should be particularly dwelt upon is the common field pea and garden pea. We all know that Canada