

former, yield good crops in northern Wisconsin. The finest field of oats the writer ever saw was in northern Wisconsin. Under favorable conditions as much as 100 bushels of oats per acre have been produced, although the common yield is from forty to fifty bushels per acre.

With all of these facts firmly established, there is no need of longer discussing what crops can be grown in our new north. The next question is: "What industries will flourish there aside from mere crop growing?"

### **Dairying.**

First of all let it be known that northern Wisconsin is particularly adapted to dairying, and in dairying, cheese production should be the leading line. The farmers of Iowa and northern Illinois can produce milk which will make fine butter. These farmers, however, cannot send milk to the factory that will make the highest grade of cheese. Milk for cheese making must be purer and more wholesome than that which will make good butter. Now, because of its abundance of luscious grasses, its healthful climate and its cool, pure waters everywhere present, the farmers of northern Wisconsin have special advantages for

the production of milk of unusual excellence, and from such milk there can be made a quality of cheese that is equalled nowhere else in all this great country. We all know the high quality of Canada cheese. Wisconsin's climate is much the same as that of Canada, the difference being in our favor if anything. Farmers should endeavor therefore to secure cheese factories and engage extensively in the manufacture of cheese, remembering always that if they will follow reasonable rules they can soon be producing a brand of cheese that will bring a higher price in the market than that produced further south, and that a reputation once established will be worth a great deal of money to them. In order to rear the calves and thus keep up the herds, it is well to have a combined butter and cheese factory, making butter in the early spring when the calves need the milk, and then turning to cheese making later on when that article commands a good price and the price of butter has fallen.

### **Sheep.**

Next to dairying comes sheep rearing, which should become a most extensive industry in this great region. There are