

A. Winans and Charles Magee are also numbered among our best lumbering firms.

PRODUCTIONS.

Shawano county is well adapted to the raising of winter wheat; the winters are uniform and the snow covers the ground and protects the grain, the result being a yield of from twenty-five to thirty-five bushels per acre of very plump, bright wheat, that produces the very best brand of flour. Oats, barley and rye grow well and produce heavy crops. Corn is raised in considerable quantities, but the ground is more profitable for winter wheat. The soil is well adapted to hops. Broom corn yields a good crop and furnishes work for the winter—the farmer manufacturing it into brooms. Potatoes yield bountifully, and are of a most excellent quality. Onions, beets, carrots, parsnips and all other root crops are grown with success. Grass lands yield from one to three tons of hay per acre, which finds a ready market among the lumbermen. Other lumber camps afford the best kind of a market for all surplus farm products. Hay is seldom below twenty dollars per ton and often as high as thirty dollars, while oats, corn and wheat bring from twenty-five to fifty cents per bushel more than at other parts of the State.

The cultivation of the soil is successful and profitable; even a casual observer cannot fail to acknowledge it. Nearly all the settlers who came into the county from three to six years ago, many of them penniless, are now worth from ten to fifteen thousand dollars. Let those who doubt, look at the handsome farms in the towns of Grant, Pella, Hartland, Angelica, or either of the other towns, the substantial houses, horses, cattle, sheep, and swine around them, the fields of wheat, oats and rye looking over the fences, a sight that should gladden the heart of every despondent farmer; let them see a property that would in Europe be valued at tens of thousands, and then consider all this is the product of less than six years' work without capital, and the most dubious must confess that farming is exceedingly profitable.

SHEEP HUSBANDRY.

The climate is unusually healthy for sheep, and there is always a lively demand for mutton at good prices. The pasture lands

are extensive and cheap, and produce a variety of grasses, herbs and shrubbery, part of which remains green and nutritious until snow falls, so that sheep can run until that time, and thus reduce the expense of wintering them. The steady uniform temperature of our climate must always make sheep and wool raising profitable, as the sheep are not so liable to disease, and the yield of wool is greater than in the southern portion of the State.

PORK RAISING.

Pork raising is not carried on here so extensively as in the corn-growing districts, but on a small scale is more profitable, as hogs fatten easily on the products of the forest, such as hazel and beech nuts, acorns, and the nutritious roots and herbs that cover the ground. Pork is thus cheaply raised and brings a higher price here than in other places, as it is the staple food for lumbermen.

FRUITS AND BERRIES.

Experiments with cultivated fruits have been successful, but the county is yet too young to have fruit trees in full bearing, although many farmers have fine, thrifty trees that already begin to yield.

Berries of all kinds abound in large quantities and continue through the season, one variety following another. Strawberries first, then red and black raspberries, followed by blue and whortleberries, which give way to the palatable, nourishing and healthy blackberry; the season ending with cranberries, which last until strawberries ripen again.

SUGAR MAPLE.

The large forests of sugar maple enable the emigrant, by a few days' work in the early spring, while the snow is melting off, to obtain his year's supply of sugar, and often he is able to sell from \$25 to \$100 worth of the first quality of sugar that brings from twelve to fifteen cents per pound. And all this is done without the outlay of any amount of capital. The emigrant's ax makes the buckets, and the boiler and kettle furnish suitable facilities for boiling away the sap. Of course, as the settlers' means