

opment. Her atmosphere is cool, clear and dry, and consequently invigorating. Bilious and miasmatic affections, the scourges of Michigan, Illinois and Iowa, are little known. Health and longevity, two most desirable blessings, are consequently attainable here. From a table of the United States census (an impartial report, of course), we obtain the following facts:

This table gives the relative health, progress and deaths of the several States, and illustrates that the number of deaths in ratio to the number of living is—in the State of Maine, 1 to 77; Vermont, 1 to 100; Connecticut, 1 to 64; Illinois, 1 to 73; Iowa, 1 to 94; Wisconsin, 1 to 105;—and this is not only a fair comparison among the above named States, but exhibits the least number of deaths, proportionate to the population, in Wisconsin of any State in the Union.

Commercial advantages can be ascertained by simply mentioning her position—on her eastern border is Lake Michigan, on the north, Lake Superior; and on these Lakes, in conjunction with Lake Erie, already floats a commerce, by the tabular statements of the census returns, greatly exceeding our entire foreign trade—on her west runs the Mississippi River, the entire length of the State, 400 miles, connecting her with St. Louis, New Orleans and foreign nations. These facts need no comment. Statistics prove that the exports of Wisconsin for last year amounted to more than sixteen million dollars. Her soil is an element of wealth not sufficiently known to be fully appreciated. Wisconsin is pre-eminently an agricultural State, and is capable of becoming as wealthy as any one of the western sisterhood. By the late census and other data, it may be safe and fair to calculate that there are about one and a half million acres of cultivated land in the State; which, as now occupied, constitutes about 50,000 farms, more or less tilled. There were shipped from Milwaukee over two million bushels of wheat the past season.

Besides this one and a half million acres of improved land, there is, within the area of the State, above 30,000,000 acres of land, of which at least 20,000,000 is suitable to be converted into