

productive and pleasant farms—enough land to make two million additional farms—waiting for occupants; and may be purchased at low prices, ranging from \$1.25 to \$60 per acre.

In regard to the value of improved lands in the new States, the same report shows that the average value is—in Illinois, \$7.99; in Iowa, \$6.09; in Texas, \$1.09; and in Wisconsin, it is \$9.58—a very fair show for a young State.

And by looking carefully through the tables, we find that the average value of products per acre, exceeds that of the other States named, in about the same proportion that the land exceeds theirs per acre in value. Draw a line from Manitowoc to Portage, thence directly to the Falls of St. Croix, the farming lands lying south of this line, and comprising nearly one half the State, are not equalled in all respects as *farming lands*, in any State of the Union; on which an industrious farmer can raise from 30 to 50 bushels of wheat, or from 50 to 80 bushels of corn to the acre. North of this, a belt of hard timber extends east and west 150 miles on the latitude of Stevens Point—from 50 to 100 miles in width. The soil of this region is fertile, but the timber is its present wealth. Unlike the prairies, building material for fences is convenient, and no country produces better or more wheat—the staple crop. The indigenous and cultivated grasses flourish admirably, and combined with numerous streams, afford the best facility for grazing. This peculiarity (abundance of water), pervades the entire State, and presents inducements for cattle growing not found in the other prairie countries, where running water is found at distances too great for cattle. The water power on the St. Croix, Black, Chippewa, Rock, Crawfish, Wisconsin and other rivers, surrounded by these agricultural regions, and every kind of raw material, and abundant lumber—without any competition in the Mississippi valley—this water power is but partially used, but in time must be most valuable. Eastern men can appreciate this important fact, and we need but designate the points to make the water power of this State an important element of wealth and greatness.