

of early flint varieties and vegetables of an excellent quality, can be successfully grown. This section of the country, however, is subject to drought, with occasional hot, dry winds, somewhat similar to the simooms of Arabia, which are here usually of three days' duration and which parch everything in their course, and when coming early in the season, before the crops are matured, as was the case last year, destroy all cereal and root crops. The present summer, however, has been free from such blighting winds or drought and the season has been all that could be desired; there has been an abundance of rain throughout the summer and crops that have been properly cared for promise bountifully.