

2. The northern portion of the state is, in part, mountainous, and but thinly settled; the eastern is hilly, and tolerably productive; while the western part is level, remarkably fertile, and increasing rapidly in population.

3. The agriculture is well conducted. Wheat is the chief staple; but corn, rye, and other grains, are extensively cultivated. The flour is of excellent quality; and, with other provisions, is largely exported.

4. The manufactures are extensive and flourishing, and the commerce of the state is on a great scale. Near three-fifths of the imports, and more than one-fourth of the exports of the Union, are made by New York alone.

5. Iron ore is found in great abundance, and lead, gypsum, and limestone, also abound. There are numerous and important salt springs at various places. The principal are at Salina and Syracuse, where more than four million bushels of salt are made annually.

6. The mineral springs of Ballston and Saratoga are well known throughout the Union for their medicinal qualities, and are much visited from all quarters. The waters are largely exported to the other states, and even to foreign countries.

7. This state shares with Canada West the Falls of Niagara, one of the greatest wonders of the western continent. The widest and most imposing part of this cataract is on the Canadian side; while that on the New York side, though narrower, is several feet higher than the other.

8. New York is distinguished for its magnificent public works, of which the Erie, or Great Western Canal, is the largest in the state, and one of the principal works of the kind in the world.

9. The success attending its completion and use, fully convinced the people of the United States of the advantages of works of internal improvement. There are, likewise, a number of other canals, and also rail-roads, in successful operation, besides some that are partially completed.

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2. What is said of the northern part? Eastern? Western? 3. The agriculture? 4. Manufactures? Imports? Exports? 5. Iron ore, &c.? Salt springs? How much salt is made annually? 6. What is said of the mineral springs? 7. Of the Falls of Niagara? 8. How is New York distinguished? What is said of the Erie canal? 9. Of other canals and rail-roads?