

and having under cultivation and crop ten acres for every hundred acres, building a habitable house, at least 16x20 feet, and actual residence on the land purchased for three years from the date of purchase.

Lumbering Interests at Shedden.

The railway connects with navigation at Shedden station. Spanish River mills are on the east end of Aird Island, and form quite a village, with school, religious service, store, boarding houses, dock, etc., grouped round a mill capable of cutting 100,000 feet a day. It is the exclusive property of the Albany Lumber Company, and is managed on strictly temperance principles so far as their authority goes. The same remark applies, I think, to all the lumbermen on the Georgian Bay; no man will sell liquor to his own employees for the sake of the profit on it—preferring to make his money by the increased efficiency and reliability of sober workmen.

At Moose Point, Buswell & Co. are establishing another mill and depot, about two miles southwest of Shedden station. In Spragge, on the estuary of Serpent river, Cook Bros. have another mill and depot, eight miles from Algoma Mills. There, too, the management are trying to improve the moral condition of the lumbermen.

Near Algoma Mills.

Lewis, Spragge and Long are not yet for sale, and do not offer much land for settlement. But every successive visit reveals to the traveller new valleys of fertility and beauty and advantages which will in time secure enterprising settlers. The whole region from Mattawa to Superior will be a good grazing country, and in addition to the known value of pine in the rear, the pulp-wood, minerals and other sources of wealth not yet developed, may render this district fairly prosperous. The lack of capital in the hands of settlers is the great barrier to rapid progress, which awaits this district when some men of means and energy shall direct their attention to its resources.

Algoma Mills is beautifully situated on a sandy plain between the Manitou channel and Lake Lauson, with a mill stream running through it, and a lovely group of islands in front.

Striker township, extending from Algoma Mills to Blind river, is closely wooded with hardwood and hemlock. The rear of the township is considered the best land. Cobden is also stony in front with large clay flats in rear, and a large portion of it is held as Indian reserve. The mills and store at Blind river supply the settlers on the Mississauga and afford another centre of energy on the coast. A Hudson Bay Co.'s post and an independent trader do the business of the Indian reserve, and two mission schools help to improve the Indians, who are chiefly employed in hunting and fishing.