

thus be seen that we are not isolated, and that we have the best of communication with the outside world. There are two or three splendid lines of steamers sailing between Sault Ste. Marie and Owen Sound, Collingwood and the Lower Lake ports, all of which call at Richard's Landing and Marksville. We have a good home market on the island, in common with the rest of Algoma, and we may be said to have a market at our own door for all we can raise or grow.

Most of the settlers now residing on the island, if not all of them, came here without any means or capital at all, and yet they have done very well.

Some few months ago the agricultural societies and farmers' institutes in the district decided to take active measures to bring prominently before the world the inducements which this part of Ontario offered to the intending settler and immigrant. A committee was formed from amongst the directors of these societies and institutes to gather information and statistics for the public information, and a great deal of the information and statistics gathered by this committee were obtained from this island. The results of the labours of this committee have just been published in a book or pamphlet, entitled "Algoma Farmers Testify," and the settlers on this island have largely aided in the writing of this book. To show the reader how well the settlers have done on this island, coming here as they did without any money, I cannot do better than quote from the pamphlet:—

Page 11.—"Land fertile. Yields wheat, peas, and oats. Roots of all kinds do well. Have made more money here in half the time than I ever did in the county of York, and the climate healthier."

"Land fertile. Grows good grain of all kinds; grows good roots also. The very best fruits, such as cherries, plums, currants, and apples. Cattle and sheep do extra well here. Have a large number of bees which do well also. I have handled bees for forty years, and never seen them do as well." This man comes from York County also.

"I am getting along well for a man of small means. I don't know where I could get along better if I was going to farm."

A miller says:—"Have been running a grist mill for a number of years and find the farmers doing well in this part, and also find quality of grain grown first-class."

Page 12.—"I like the island well for its good climate and its great grain-growing capabilities."

"I like the island well. I can do better here than I ever did before I came here. I came from Simcoe County."

"My expenses left me in debt when I came here with my wife and five children. Now I am well off; thank God for it. N.B.—I have a horse and buggy free for my own use. Came from Warwickshire, England. Address, Tenby Bay, St. Joseph Island."

"Came from Wellington County; well pleased with St. Joseph Island, and doing well."

Page 13.—Another man writes that he came from the State of Michigan, and adds:—"After having travelled all over the Western States in search of a home, I came here with small means. I am now doing well with a good stock of cattle, sheep, and horses, my own and all paid for. I prefer this place to any other."