

"As I was one of the early settlers of this Wabigoon country, I wish to make a few remarks regarding the same. We have had two very nice winters, no great storms like we had in the county of Bruce. The summer of ninety-six was very wet and the summer of ninety-seven very dry, but withal we had a fair crop. No matter when you sow clover and timothy here, from April till September, you will get a good catch of grass. This I have got. On my farm I got a fair crop of oats, although it was dry weather, and I also had a good crop of potatoes where I had worked up my land for them. Now, sir, I verily believe that our wild grass and wild peas here are a great deal stronger than the clover and timothy are down east, because I killed two head of cattle last fall off the grass that were fatter than anything I had ever killed off the grass before coming here, and I see the sheep are the same way as far as condition is concerned. We have a very healthy climate here. My family and myself like this Western Ontario far better than the eastern part. The town site of Dryden is nicely located on the banks of Wabigoon river, and the town is growing very fast and a man can get anything he needs here if he has the wherefore with him.

JAMES HUTCHISON, J.P."

"It is now nearly two years since I landed in this place which was then almost a wilderness. The log house and frame barn on the Pioneer farm being the only buildings here. Since then our town has made rapid progress.

Being the first to take up land in this place, I selected the half section adjoining the Pioneer farm and have about thirty-five acres cleared and fenced. Last season the crops were not as good as I would wish, but my crop being all sown on the first plowing and the season being a very dry and unfavorable one it was not to be wondered at. Just across the fence Mr. Annis' crops were very good, showing plainly that this heavy clay soil needs more thorough cultivation. In a few years when our farmers get their land cleared and the flies and mosquitos killed off, I see no reason why they cannot make a comfortable home here. I like the climate here, and am enjoying better health at present than I have had for a number of years past.

S. W. HATCHER."

"I have resided here for the last twelve months and I am highly pleased with the country and climate. The different crops grown did very well considering the dryness of the season. The samples of grain could not be excelled in any country, and for clover it is immense. I think it is a good country for a man with a small capital, as the land is cheap and easily cleared. There is plenty of timber for fuel and building purposes and easy of access.

J. F. McMILLAN."