

# THE ALGOMA DISTRICT,

AND THAT PART OF THE

NIPISSING DISTRICT NORTH OF THE MATTAWA RIVER,  
LAKE NIPISSING AND FRENCH RIVER, THEIR  
RESOURCES, AGRICULTURAL AND  
MINING CAPABILITIES.

"Far as the heart can wish, the fancy roam,  
Survey our empire, and behold our home."

**T**HE Algoma District is one of the most important divisions of the Province of Ontario.\*

Its boundaries, as originally defined, were as follows:—"Commencing on the north shore of the Georgian Bay of Lake Huron at the most westerly mouth of French River, thence due north to the northerly limit of the Province, thence along the said northerly limit of the Province westerly to the westerly limit thereof, thence along the said westerly limit of the Province southerly to the southerly limit thereof, thence along the said southerly limit of the Province to a point in Lake Huron opposite to the southern extremity of the Great Manitoulin Island, thence easterly and north-easterly so as to include all the islands in Lake Huron not within the settled limits of any county or district, to the place of beginning."

By Proclamation of 13th May, 1871, the Territorial District of Thunder Bay was defined as "All that part of the District of Algoma lying west of the meridian of 87° of west longitude." This meridian is a little to the east of the Slate Islands in Lake Superior, and near the mouth of Steel River.

\* Ontario—A poetic Indian name, signifying a beautiful prospect of hills and waters. The word "Algoma" means "Lake and Land of Algons," or Algonquin tribe of Indians.