

## **FARMING LANDS.**

While there is a large quantity of rocky, broken territory unfit for arable purposes, yet there are numerous areas of very fertile lands found in the valleys.

The charcoal furnaces, smelting and mining operations would furnish a cash market to the pioneer settler for the timber on his land and for all farm products at excellent prices.

**The arable lands in the mining regions of Pennsylvania are far more valuable per acre than farm lands in any of the best agricultural states in the Union.**

## **THE RAILWAY IS THE GREAT CIVILIZER.**

The United States have only six per cent. of the area of the world, but they possess over forty per cent. of the entire railway mileage, capitalized at \$11,000,000,000, paying annually \$500,000,000 in wages to its 800,000 employees, and \$39,000,000 in taxes. In the United States there has been 246,000,000 acres granted to railway companies, and over 39,000,000 in Canada, but the Crown still owns over 2,000,000,000 acres in Canada.

Minnesota has about the same area as East Algoma. Between 1861 and 1881 there were over 20,000,000 acres — equal to nearly forty-five per cent. of its area — granted to railways in Minnesota. Its population increased from 172,023 in 1860, to 1,307,826 in 1890, when three-fourths of its population were of foreign parentage.

## **THE POPULATION INCREASED NEARLY HALF A MILLION DURING EACH DECADE.**

The railway companies constructed the railways, advertised the country, secured men and capital to develop the latent resources, and thus secured a remunerative traffic for their enterprise.

In 1901 Minnesota produced over 10,000,000 tons of iron ore, worth at the smelters over \$45,000,000. In 1900 she produced over 50,000,000 bushels of wheat alone.