

THE SWEDEN OF AMERICA.



The Chronicle's Special Correspondent Describes the Trip to Lake Huron and Lake Ontario to Toronto.



WESTMOUNT, July 22.—Minneapolis has a larger number of Swedish people than any other city in the world. Nearly all her police force are Swedes. East and West of Minneapolis there are large settlements of these people and in the State of Wisconsin the settlements are even more numerous. For over two hundred miles we ran through a land where the speech of the people and the names of their towns brought Europe very near to us. Strickland, Weyerhauser, Rhineland, Roosevelt, Gagen and similar places told of majorities of these old world people. The climate of Minnesota and Wisconsin is said to be the great cause of these immigrations. The intense cold of winter makes the northman of Europe feel very much at home. Wisconsin has small reason to be proud of her agricultural land so far as one can see travelling by train through the State. We were rolled on past rocks and stones and trees in our Soo flyer. It may be that we had seen so much prairie that the stones and trees were magnified by contrast but enquiry elicited the statement, that Wisconsin is not a good growing state in this northern part. Towards the South and East of its large area, agriculture flourishes better.

By the time our train had invaded the acres of the State of Michigan I was fast asleep and dreaming at the rate of thirty-five miles an hour. The sun of the early morning following opened my eyes on the blue waters of Lake Michigan. This second in size of the five lakes is entirely an American "institooshin" and no Canadian is allowed to catch whales, seals or sea serpents in or on Lake Michigan. As I caught glimpses of its vast expanse I tried to convey to my mind, in terms of Nova Scotia, the size of Lake Michigan and I