

land is much easier cleared than that which our forefathers had to clear. North of the height of land we have a climate and a soil and everything else that a Canadian feels proud of, equal to the best and most fertile land of this great Canada of ours. I'm not a young man as you know, but I hope to come to Cochrane in ten years from to-day in order to see a city which will rival in beauty any city of the St. Lawrence or Great Lakes valleys. The man who comes to this section in a few years will see a continuous Canada from the valley of the St. Lawrence to the Red River valley, when the men in Quebec will join hands with the men in Winnipeg over a chain of settlement through a new Ontario, through a new Quebec. When I go back to the valley of the St. Lawrence I will be proud to say that we have in this great valley of the Hudson Bay the proudest portion of our country."

During a recent trip to New Ontario the writer had the privilege of interviewing a large number of the farmers at different places along the line of the Temiskaming and Northern Ontario Railway, which runs from North Bay to Cochrane and opens up a strip of about two hundred miles of agricultural lands. From this line colonization roads radiate in all directions for miles. The Ontario Government has within the past few years followed the surveyors by building roads through unsettled country in order that the prospective settler and the actual settler might reach his lot with the least inconvenience possible. When it is possible to ride in a parlor car to any of the many stations along the line, procure a livery outfit and drive to almost any unlocated lot within twenty miles of the railway, it is not without its humorous side to hear some of the more recent arrivals talk of their "pioneering." The early settlement of New Ontario, however, was not without its ups and downs. All was not sunshine, but those who stayed with it were well rewarded. But the building of the railway seven years ago brought about changed conditions.

The writer interviewed a great many of the older settlers and many of the more recent ones as well, and without an exception all were highly pleased with the district and had high hopes for the future. The following are the experiences of a few of them:

Mr. Henry Schaffner.

Mr. Henry Schaffner, of Brentha, is one of the immigrants to Canada of which this country might well be proud. When he landed in Heaslip, New Ontario, nine years ago his inventory of assets consisted of \$3 in Canadian currency, a wife and a family of ten children. He did not have enough capital to pay the freight on his goods from Toronto to New Liskeard, amounting to \$40. This amount was kindly loaned him by Mr. Thos. Armstrong, then Crown Lands Agent at New Liskeard. Mr. Schaffner did have a few hundred dollars when he left Germany. He stayed in New Brunswick for six months and worked out, and at Toronto for a similar period. He found by sad experience that