

name from the peculiar beautiful color of the foliage in the autumn.

Grain, root crops and Indian corn flourish here to perfection. On the south side of the Height of Land, and coming down in some places to within a few miles of Lake Huron, the country, as before remarked, like that for a considerable distance north, is full of lakes. These are not generally very deep, one result of which is that the water heated by the sun's rays becomes much warmer throughout than the water of Lakes Huron and Superior. The climate of a wide belt of territory is so tempered and modified by the warm waters of the numerous small and shallow lakes, which cover probably one-third of the country, as to admit of the cultivation of many of the most valuable kinds of fruit.

East of the Bruce Mines, in the valleys of the Thessalon and Mississauga rivers, all kinds of crops flourish well. Spring wheat grows from four to five feet high and thick on the ground, yielding from twenty-five to thirty bushels to the acre. The oat crop is remarkably good, and yields from fifty to seventy bushels per acre. In this section of the country there is a good opening for stock raising, and stock farms with large clearances can be had at reasonable rates.

From May to Shedden.

The country between Sudbury and Salter, not yet offered for sale, might support a considerable agricultural population, and the mines likely to be developed, as well as the demands of the lumbermen, will furnish a good home market; while the railway and Spanish river afford ample means of export for any surplus.

Salter, Victoria and Shedden, on the line of the Canadian Pacific Railway, going westward from Sable river, all front on Spanish river. The township of Salter is partly prairie land with a soil of clay or sandy loam. The southern third of the township along its broken front is nearly all located by men who came up in the employment of the lumber firms. Some of them have been located 15 years, and several fine farms, yielding excellent crops, are to be seen along the river. A store and hotel already exist, and there is a post-office at the steamer-landing called Spanish River, on an island five miles southwest of the real mouth of that stream.

Victoria is nearly half located, chiefly by English-speaking farmers from Manitoulin. Nine miles of road have been constructed by voluntary labor, and the settlement boasts of a thrashing mill, a hay press and a successful school. The lumber company have a farm of nearly 400 acres, cultivated by an intelligent English farmer. Several Indians on the reservation south of Victoria have good houses, and are showing signs of appreciating civilization in a practical way by good farming in summer and cutting sawlogs in winter instead of following the customary hunting programme.