

FENCING, BUILDINGS, ETC.

Cedar posts and wire make the best and most durable fences. The old-fashioned zig-zag fence will find no place here. Some farmers are building good strong, durable fences out of tamarac and spruce poles, without posts, fastening the stakes and riders together with pliable oiled wire. With the exception of not being pig proof, it makes a cheap, serviceable, and, when well built, a strong fence.

Some of the buildings are old-fashioned log structures, dove-tailed or notched at the corners. Saw-mills are convenient. Custom sawing is done for \$3 per thousand feet. On many of the lots there is some spruce and tamarac that would make small saw-logs. Good sound lumber can be bought at the mills for \$10 or \$11 per thousand feet.

MARKETS.

The local markets of Dryden and Wabigoon will consume all that can be raised for some time in the district. Dryden has a population of 600, while Wabigoon is a rapidly growing town, which is likely to become a mining centre of some importance, for the region between the Canadian Pacific Railway and the American border is rich, not only in timber but in deposits of gold, iron, and other minerals. Eighty miles west is Rat Portage, a growing town of over 5,000 inhabitants. It is not situated in an agricultural district, and so has been getting its food supplies from Manitoba. The towns of Rat Portage, Keewatin, Dryden, and Wabigoon will consume all the beef, pork, butter, eggs, poultry, vegetables, small fruits, hay, oats, and potatoes that the Wabigoon farmer will be able to produce for some time to come, and so his market will be at his very door. In summer, the mining camps afford the farmers an excellent home market for their produce. Butter brings from 20 to 25 cents per lb.; eggs, from 18 to 20 cents per dozen. In winter the lumber camps and railway tie camps afford a market equally as good.

COST OF GETTING TO WABIGOON.

By the all-rail route on the Canadian Pacific Railway, from any station west of Kingston, the single fare is \$21; children half rate. For boat and rail by way of Owen Sound and Fort William, the fare is \$17. Car of 20,000 pounds of settlers' effects from same points, \$60 (one man with each car free); 30½ cents per 100 lbs. for all over weight. For settlers' effects, shipped in less than car lots, the rate is 61 cents per 100 pounds.

THE PIONEER FARM.

The Ontario Government was the pioneer of the Wabigoon country. In the spring of 1895 the Minister of Agriculture, Hon. John Dryden,