

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION.

Since the Wabigoon pamphlet was published early in 1896, the settlements of the country has been rapid and continuous. The original townships of Wainwright and Van Horne were quickly disposed of, and during the summer of 1896 two additional townships, named Eton and Rugby, were surveyed. Eton lies to the west of Wainwright, and Rugby to the north of Eton. In Eton, where the land is particularly good, a considerable portion has been applied for. It is probable that more land will be surveyed during 1897, both for township and town purposes.

Up to March, 1897, 20,000 acres had been purchased or applied for. This represents about eighty-two applicants who will with their families become actual settlers. Enquiries regarding the country continue to be very numerous, and without doubt, there will be a large influx of settlers during the spring and summer.

Attached is the map of the town site just south of the Government Farm. A siding has been built by the O. P. R. at this point, to which the railway company requested to be allowed to give the name of "Dryden," and the town will be called by the same name. It is expected that a station will be built at an early day. The town plot is very advantageously situated on level land and adjacent to a fine water power suitable for manufacturing purposes. About 75 town lots have been sold, and eighteen or twenty buildings erected, with others to follow. There are already two stores, a post-office, an express office, a blacksmith shop and a good boarding house in the place. A small saw and shingle mill is in operation within the limits of the town site. It is likely that other industries will follow.

The price of town lots is \$10, except for corner lots and lots on Queen street, where the price is \$15. The north half of the lot adjoining the town on the east has been reserved for town purposes should it be needed.

Lots in the town may be secured under the following conditions:

1. Not more than one lot can be sold to any one individual.
2. Purchasers must erect a habitable house not less than 16x20 feet.
3. Parties shall become actual residents within six months from time of taking possession.

The terms of purchase are cash and there are no fees of any description.

Dryden not only has the bulk of the agricultural land in the Wabigoon country at the back of it, but is likely to become to some extent a mining and manufacturing centre. Water power privileges are now being sought for the purpose of running a stamp-mill for gold ores; also for flour and saw mills.

About 2,000 acres have been applied for as mineral lands in Van Horne, and within seven miles of Dryden, eighty gold claims have been taken up, chiefly in the southwestern part of Van Horn township, and on the western arm of Lake Wabigoon. Five shafts are being sunk at the present time.

For the convenience of settlers, eight and a half miles of colonization road have been built by the Government, and the settlers themselves have built an additional fifteen miles. The bridge across the river at Dryden will be completed this spring. Westward from the bridge, a road will be constructed by the Government to open up the township of Eton.

Permission to construct a wharf at Dryden has already been applied for, and it is understood that four or five tugs will ply upon the lake from various points during the coming summer. This will place the settlers around Dryden