

From Mr. HORACE HODGE,  
Sault Ste. Marie P.O. or Korah P.O., Algoma, Ontario.

I HAVE much pleasure in corroborating Mr. Rooney's above statements, which I have just read in my paper. I came from Kent, England, near Maidstone. I will be glad to answer any letters about Pennefather or the neighbourhood. I hope people in Kent, England, will write me. This is a good country; and I advise English tenant farmers to come and buy land and settle in Algoma, and not go out on the bleak prairie and plains where they won't find good water or wood. I live on the town line of Korah and Pennefather and I was the first settler in Korah. I had to cut the road when I went in, 16 years ago, and carry flour on my back and suffer hardship. Now everything is different—good roads and a large town nine or ten miles off.

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From Mr. ANDREW CLARK, Iron Bridge, Algoma District.

As I very seldom see in your paper, or any other paper, anything about Algoma, I will send the following, which may be of some interest to you, and perhaps to some of your readers, who intend going to some new country to try and better their position:—In the first place, regarding the size of Algoma, I might say it is by far the larger part of Ontario, with thousands of acres of first-class soil that would support a large population if cleared and properly farmed. I have been up here two years, and during that time I have seen and raised as fine crops of peas and oats as I ever saw grown in Huron, and for roots of all descriptions it cannot be surpassed in any country. The reason that Algoma does not advance more rapidly than it does are as follows:—The farmers who came to Algoma were all poor and generally had large families, consequently they could not stay on their farms and improve them, but had to work in the lumber camps to make money to buy flour and other necessities of life. And the second reason is that the men on the farms do not depend on their crops, but on the timber, for which they receive good prices, and instead of clearing their land they are in the lumber camps, or are taking out ties, paper, wood, or logs, and neglect their farms, and until the timber along the lakes and rivers is all taken away Algoma will never be a farming country. But I am certain if men would lay aside lumbering and attend to their farms, they would be in far better circumstances than they are at the present, because for what they raise they obtain the highest price. Some people run away with the idea that the whole district is a rock-bound, cold country, inhabited by Indians and wild animals. But that is not the case, as the climate here is superior to that of Huron in many respects. It is a little colder, but it is far drier and more healthy, and the summer is not so hot, and there is as much difference between the fall season of here and the fall season of Huron as between day and night, as we never have those wet, foggy days, but always dry and bright, and the longer a man is here the better he likes it.