

There are immense deposits of iron ore north of Lakes Huron and Superior, but they are not mined to any great extent, owing to their distance from railways and the lack of cheap fuel.

Where is *Port Arthur*? On what bay is it situated? Near the mouth of this bay is a small island named Silver Islet. This contains the most important silver mine in Ontario. This mine was worked for several years and produced a very large amount of *silver*. Then the mine filled with water owing to the supply of coal for the pumping engine giving out. Since that time it has not been worked. Deposits of silver have been found on the mainland near Thunder Bay, but on account of the cheapness of silver and the cost of production the mines of this metal have not been worked lately.

**LUMBER.**—Much of the building lumber used in Ontario comes from the immense pine forests which cover so much of Northern Ontario. Large quantities of lumber are also sent from these same forests to Great Britain and the United States. This region also furnishes an inexhaustible supply of spruce for the manufacture of wood pulp. From this pulp, pails and



other utensils are made, and also paper. Where do you find *Sault Ste. Marie*? Lake Superior empties into Lake Huron by the

Ste. Marie river and in this river are rapids or low waterfalls called by the early French explorers a *Sault* (Soo). At the town of Sault Ste. Marie has been built one of the largest pulp mills in the world, the water supply being obtained from the rapids.

Rainy River District with its numerous lakes and

ivers produces large quantities of valuable fish, principally whitefish and sturgeon. *Caviare*, a food prepared from the salted *roe* or eggs of the sturgeon, is exported largely to the United States. The fisheries of Hudson Bay are also valuable, salmon and trout being especially abundant. Many whales, too, are caught every year, in the waters of this bay by American whalers.

*Port Arthur* is the largest town in Thunder Bay District. The Canadian Pacific Railway Company runs a line of magnificent steamers from this port to Owen Sound. On what bay is Owen Sound? During the summer immense quantities of grain are carried by these vessels from the *elevators* of Port Arthur, large buildings specially made for holding enormous amounts of grain and storing it for shipment.

Where is *Mattawa*? From Lake Nipissing to this



**Rat Portage.**

town lies a wide depression or river valley which is supposed to have emptied, at some former time, the waters of Lakes Huron, Michigan, and Superior into the Ottawa.

Where is *North Bay*? It is the capital of Nipissing District and is on the main line of the Canadian Pacific Railway.

~~Rat Portage~~ <sup>Rainy River</sup>, in Rainy River District, is a great gold mining and lumbering centre.

## 28. Southern Ontario.

This includes all that part of Ontario that lies south of Lake Nipissing. The northern part of Southern Ontario is very sparsely settled, being mostly a rocky country containing a multitude of small lakes similar in character to those of Northern Ontario.

**LOCAL GOVERNMENT.**—We have seen that the people of the province choose men to make laws for



**Elevator and Whaleback.**