

to the settlers in that vicinity an opportunity of hauling their pulp timber and other produce to the mills.

"Fair progress has been made by the settlers in the vicinity of Cochrane both east and west therefrom. Already settlement has reached a point about nine miles north of the Grand Trunk Pacific Railway in the valleys of the Abitibi and Frederickhouse Rivers. Quite a settlement has taken place in the vicinity of Hearst, at the junction of the Algoma Central and the Grand Trunk Pacific Railways not only on the lands of the Crown, but on the railway lands of the Algoma Central Company. Twenty-nine miles of road were cut out and part graded in this section.

"Work was commenced at Ground Hog River on the Grand Trunk Pacific Railway 50 miles west of Cochrane. A few miles of trunk road were cut out along the railway, where a considerable settlement has already been made. This is one of the most promising areas in the Clay Belt. At this point there is a large section of country which was burnt years ago and is now easily cleared. Vegetables of all kinds have matured here at the headquarters of the railway contractors.

"Trunk roads have been constructed west of Cochrane as far as the township of Kendrey, the lands of the New Ontario Development Company on the Metagami River. This company is making good progress. Approximately 400 acres have been chopped and burnt over, of which 300 acres have been logged and fairly well drained. The following plant and machinery has been installed:—A large saw mill with a capacity of 600,000 ft. b.m. per day, six rossing machines with a capacity of 50 cords of pulpwood per day, and a first-class planing mill.

"Sixteen private dwelling houses have been erected for employees and settlers, and two large boarding-houses with accommodation for 100 men. A general store has also been built, together with a post office and a school house, this being used also as a church. Upwards of ten miles of a fairly good type of colonization road have been constructed by the company.

"In the description of the several roads hereinafter given, information will be found respecting the operation in the various districts.