

PARRY SOUND SETTLEMENT.

Latitude about that of Montreal.

The Parry Sound District may be described as embracing that section of country bounded by French river on the North; the Rousseau and Nipissing Road line on the East; Lakes Rousseau, St. Joseph, and other smaller lakes stretching to the South; and the waters of the Georgian Bay on the West.

This section containing a large proportion of very fair land fit for settlement. A road line has been explored and carefully located, leading in almost a direct line from the head of Rousseau Lake to the mouth of South river at Lake Nipissing, called the Rousseau and Nipissing road.

A road line forming a junction with the Muskoka road, and intersecting the Rousseau road close to the lake of that name, and continuing in a North-West direction to the village of Parry Sound, called the Parry Sound road.

A road line from Parry Sound in a Northerly direction crossing the Maganetewan and French rivers, and continued to form a junction with the Great Northern road at Waddell's mills.

These lines, and the explorations connected therewith, have developed large tracts of land well calculated for successful agricultural settlement. On the Parry Sound road grant lots have been surveyed throughout, and the following Townships, bordering upon or embracing the road, have been sub-divided, namely,—Watt, Cardwell, Humphrey, Foley and McDougall.

The Township of Watt is almost entirely settled, and along the whole length of the road, and in the other Townships named, settlement is actively progressing. This road has been opened and completed for travel in a substantial and superior manner, so that Lake Rousseau can be readily reached from the Sound, and *vice versa* in one day's travel.

On the first line named, road operations were commenced last season, and it is expected the ensuing summer will witness its completion as far as the Maganetewan river. On this river the land is unusually good. It is described as a rich loamy clay, covered with fine hardwood, free from stones, and unbroken by ridges and ravines. Further on the line also, fair average and superior land exists in very large proportions, so much so, that the good land is described as embracing a proportion of from seventy to seventy-five per cent. of the whole.