

the rivers of this district is their depth. The Wahbe, which is only about one hundred feet wide at its mouth at New Liskeard, is twenty-one feet deep, and this depth continues up for a considerable distance. The same holds true of the Blanche River, which enters Lake Temiscamingue through several mouths. The steamer essayed to enter the main mouth of the river, but finding it filled with sawlogs and a boom across the opening, gained the upper river through another mouth or "sny." This is a word which seems peculiar to the Ottawa Valley and means a channel or short cut or safe path. It is probably a corruption of the French word "chenal."

The banks at first were very low and swampy and covered with cedar, but a mile or so up they became higher and were covered with soft maple and other trees which grow on higher and drier soil. A number of clearings of considerable size had been made along the river and these showed the soil to be of the same general character as that about New Liskeard. There is the same level plain covered with comparatively light timber without any sign of rock or loose stones. As the river is navigable for steamers for twenty-five miles, and as in some parts the fire has run through in recent years, leaving only a growth of young poplar to be cleared off, the Blanche River has become one of the favored districts.

The steamer ran into the bank at Judge post-office to allow those on board to see the farm of Mr. Hugh Kleis, who has been five years in the country, coming from Grey County. He had forty acres cleared, and one four-acre field, which was cleared two years ago, had only three stumps in it at the time of the visit. The rest were cleared out by one horse and block and tackle. There are five hundred acres altogether in the farm and Mr. Kleis said that it would be more than paid for in the timber taken off. Last winter with one horse and the aid of his boy, who was going to school, they averaged four dollars per day getting out pulp wood. Off one half-acre he took \$30 worth of pulp wood. Pulp wood, that is spruce logs, cut into twelve-foot lengths sells for \$2.25 and \$2.30 per cord delivered on stream large enough to float it down. On this farm oats and peas had proved good crops and timothy had run as high as two and a half tons to the acre. After leaving Grey County Mr. Kleis farmed for fourteen years in North Dakota, within forty miles of the Manitoba boundary, and likes New Ontario much better than the prairies.

The Blanche River country is spoken of very highly by all who have settled upon it. A party of land-seekers were taken up by Mr. Herron under the direction of the department in the following week, and a considerable number took up locations there. After coming down the river again the steamer passed out through another sny into a part of the lake further east, and after a run of a few minutes entered the Ottawa River, which here enters Lake Temiscamingue from the north-east, and ran up to North Temiscamingue or "Head of the Lake." Here there is a Roman Catholic mission, the buildings situated on a high hill which gives a fine view of the surrounding country. There is an Indian reserve here and Father Beaudry, the priest in charge, has carried on a farm for some years. Last season he got the following returns: From $2\frac{1}{2}$ bushels of potatoes planted he got a return of 54 bushels. Wheat yielded 22 bushels to the acre, peas 18, and oats 70. Tomatoes in his garden ripened in the open air.

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On the following day a trip was made out west from New Liskeard, the same general features predominating. There was perhaps more cedar among