

main stream and all its tributaries, and the capabilities of the soil for raising most of the necessaries of life, all tend to indicate a probability that it is destined to become of commercial importance to the Province.

The White-fish River in its whole length, until within a mile or less of Lake Huron, consists of a long chain of lakes lying at short distances from one another, connected by short, small and sometimes rapid streams.

The valley of the Wahnapiæ River contains many considerable tracts of flat land, much of which is of good quality, bearing hardwood and large white pine in abundance, but a great proportion of the flats are low, wet and swampy.

The Vermillion River is a fine broad stream with deep water and a rapid current, which, flowing generally south-westerly, empties into Vermillion Lake, and thence running southerly, joins the east branch of the Spanish River about five miles east of White-fish Lake. The banks of the Vermillion River present a very inviting appearance both as regards soil and timber, the former being a rich alluvial deposit with a subsoil of reddish blue clay, and the latter principally fire and thrifty hardwood. Inland for a considerable distance from its banks the same appearance prevails, white oak, elm, and white ash being abundant.

This river takes its rise near the height of land, and unlike most of the streams in this country, is unbroken save by the one lake above spoken of.

Vermillion Lake is a long, narrow sheet of water timbered to the water's edge with birch, poplar, maple and oak, and takes its name from the peculiarly beautiful colour of the foliage in the autumn.

Grain, root crops and Indian corn flourish here to perfection.

On the south side of the height of land, and coming down in some places to within a few miles of Lake Huron, the country, as before remarked, like that for a considerable distance north, is full of lakes. These are not generally very deep, one result of which is that the water heated by the sun's rays becomes much warmer throughout than the water of Lakes Huron and Superior. The climate of a wide belt of territory is so tempered and modified by the warm waters of the numerous small and shallow lakes, which cover probably one-third of the country, as to admit of the cultivation of many of the most valuable kinds of fruit.

East of the Bruce Mines, in the valleys of the Thessalon and Mississaga