

for general farming purposes, choice must always be made of farms where the growing season is longer, and the winters less severe.

The fisheries and pineries must form an important item in the commerce of Lake Superior. Now that the Ste. Marie's canal, a magnificent national work, so long demanded, has connected the great chain of lakes, a ready market will always be afforded for fish and lumber, as well as other products of the country.

The Lake Superior region has many natural advantages and attractions, to offset against its rugged and forbidding features. Its pure and invigorating atmosphere, pearly waters, savory fishes, and its proverbial healthfulness, must make it a chosen resort for invalids and a fond home for actual residents. The traveler will make it a resort who desires to study nature in her loveliest and wildest aspects. A view of the rising or setting sun on the wide lake, or as his rays kindle the landscape into a picture of loveliness, or are thrown in flecks of light against the perpendicular walls of sand-rock, which here and there form the bold shore, is indescribably beautiful. What can exceed, in grandeur, the coruscations of light, as seen in the Aurora Borealis, or Northern Lights, of a Lake Superior sky? *Mirage* is often seen on the lake in the form of trees, islands, and landscapes. These representations are often beautiful, but by their sudden disappearance show that they are but optical illusions. I have often witnessed this phenomena on the water, and once on land. On