

From Mr. CHARLES ROONEY.

I was glad to see the letter in your valuable paper last week about Prince, Dennis, and Pennefather Townships.

I have travelled over a good many of the United States—both west, south, and north-west—and I have not seen a better country for general farming purposes than Algoma; as to its capabilities in dairying and cattle-raising I can truthfully say this, it cannot be beat anywhere. I have been all through noted cattle-ranching countries, such as Southern Colorado, Texas, Arizona, Montana, and other States. The last three are very noted cattle-raising countries, and in my opinion Algoma excels them all for the following reasons: the abundance of all kinds of grasses and clover and their rapid growth. The white clover is natural to the soil in Algoma, and is always a sure crop. In the countries I mentioned clover does not grow at all.

Roots are also a sure crop in Algoma, never known to fail. The grass crop in Algoma in my opinion may be truthfully said always to be a sure crop. This year I expect to have two tons of hay to the acre, my oat crop 40 bushels to the acre, and my peas 20 to the acre.

The abundance of water: There is good spring water everywhere in Algoma living springs and creeks wherever you go. Good water is half the battle in cattle-raising. If the reader were living in the states I have mentioned he would know what I mean. The water over all the prairie and plain states is alkali, brackish water—muddy, dirty water. If you want to appreciate good water go there and then return to Algoma. As to markets: Our markets are far better than any place I know of east, west, or south, and I have travelled considerably. I came here from the States to Algoma about three years ago, and I like it very well, and I have talked with settlers all over this country, and have compared notes with them.

As to hog raising: It will pay here very well. You can sell your young pigs, from five to six weeks' old, at \$5 to \$6 a pair right here in my own township, and we have a good market for pork at Sault Ste. Marie all the year round. A better market than they have in Toronto. Hogs are easily raised here, live on clover, and a little chop and one thing and another. My brood sow and pigs run out all summer in the pasture. I sold 18 young pigs this spring at \$5 a pair, and it paid me very well. I raised them from two sows. I am going to keep at that business.

Poultry pays well here, eggs running from 16 cents to 35 cents a dozen. They are 16 cents now (July 23), and in winter up to 35 cents. And as to sheep: the fact of the white clover being here and the excellent water settles that.

I live in West Korah; there is no free grant or 20 cents an acre land left in that township, but there is a township north of me called Pennefather, containing excellent land and open for settlement. There are no settlers at present in the township of Pennefather, and there is room in it for any amount of people; the land is Indian land, open for location and settlement. By going there farmers would only be from 8 to 14 miles from Sault Ste. Marie; good Government road.

I know the land well in the township of Pennefather, having