

and care-free lives in comfort and plenty. A cozy cabin is soon constructed from the rocks and logs at hand, a stable is easily added and a small clearing fronting on the water and flanked by sheltering hills is soon planted and fenced in. Here the hardy woodsman makes his home. A few cows are kept without any great trouble and provide a continuous supply of milk, butter and cheese. A few pigs and some poultry yield further produce. Hay, potatoes and garden vegetables are easily raised in abundance. A team of ponies or yoke of oxen will handle the work of the small farm if it increases to proportions beyond the scope of hand power, while a dog team for winter travel and a canoe for summer completes the transport equipment. Wood and water are free and convenient. Fish and game added to the produce of the land give an abundant food supply. During the winter trapping will yield a stock of furs which are readily disposed of for cash or traded for those necessities which must be secured from outside sources. Farming, hunting and prospecting, the lover of the wilds finds in one of these many nooks a haven in which to spend his days according to his heart's desire.

Waterpower is available in large blocks at various points on the Churchill and Sturgeon-Weir rivers. About seven miles below Stanley, where Rapid river joins the Churchill, there is an excellent site for power. It is on Rapid river, a few hundred feet from its mouth. The water supply should be plentiful as this river drains the great Lac la Ronge. At present there is no near market for this power were it developed but any small settlement could easily obtain power for local uses.

Fur and fish represent two of the greatest resources of Northern Saskatchewan proven and immediately available for use. A possible industry is the raising of reindeer. The great herds of caribou might be utilized to good advantage. Meat and hides from this source should amount to vast proportions.

In minerals there is a larger field for exploration. Prospecting has been carried on for many years at Lac la Ronge and other points. The presence of gold, copper and coal has been proven and it is possible that these may be found in commercial paying quantities. The northern part of this province is far from being a barren waste.

The field in Manitoba presents several interesting aspects. About The Pas there lies an extensive area of low flat land, now too wet for agricultural exploitation but apparently lending itself to a vast reclamation drainage scheme with promise of developing into an exceeding fertile area. It includes the valleys of the Saskatchewan and Carrot rivers as far east as Lake Winnipeg and north to intercept the limestone formation along the Hudson Bay Railway.

North of The Pas is found Manitoba's new copper fields which promise to produce a camp of considerable magnitude. Lying adjacent to the copper fields are rich gold areas which further tend to augment development in this direction. Between Norway House, at the north end of Lake Winnipeg, and Piquitony, the half-way point on the Hudson Bay railway, lies an area offering possibilities in agricultural development and mineral production, in addition to being a heavy producer of fish and fur. About Cross lake gardens thrive exceedingly well. Easterly at Knee and God's lakes, in the vicinity of Oxford House, extensive gold fields have recently been discovered.

More agricultural land is found along the Hudson Bay railway, a particularly promising clay belt lying between miles 130 and 230. The forests of the northern part of this province do not include many large or valuable species of trees but nevertheless contain great quantities of pulpwood, ties, poles and cordwood. Water-power is found in almost unlimited dimensions, the Nelson river alone being capable of developing two and a half million horse-power. Grand Rapids, on the Saskatchewan, also offers an attractive site for power development, while the Churchill, Grassy, Burntwood, Hayes and other rivers have many good sites. The resources of Northern Manitoba are both extensive and varied.