

40 bushels of five wheat per acre; 270 bushels of oats on four acres; between two and three tons of timothy per acre, first crop cut in June, second crop early in September." Mr. Thomas Landry (whose farm I travelled over and found that the soil is a strong, rich, productive clay, as is almost all the soil in the townships of Carpenter, Lash and Devlin), says: "The soil on Rainy River cannot be surpassed. You can sow barley on new ground as late as the middle

### Timber

An examination of the kinds of trees growing in this district would include nearly all the native trees in the country. The pine is scattered both about the main land and the islands of the Lake of the Woods, though much of this has now been cut for the Manitoba market, and there is spruce, tamarac, cedar and balsam of the resinous trees, and of the deciduous trees oak, elm,



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of July and get a good crop. My neighbor, Duncan Reid, sowed two bags of wheat, about four bushels, and threshed ninety-six bushels. Where the ground is properly cultivated, I do not care what you want you will get a crop. There is plenty of pasture in the bush, and fall wheat and spring wheat do immense. From what I saw when there last summer," says Mr. Anderson in conclusion, "the splendid crop prospects, the excellent climatic conditions for growth, and from the nature of the soil I believe there is no more fertile soil in the Province of Ontario, and I question if there in another tract any more productive on this continent."

ash, birch, and maple. There is a ready market for much of this timber and the winter lumber camps employ a large number of men and necessarily use for themselves and their horses a considerable quantity of farm produce. The settlers receive 45 cents for telegraph poles 25 feet long, 16 cents each for railway ties, 5 cents each for fence posts and about \$1.60 per cord for firewood is obtained from the steamboats. From the time when the pioneer settlers went into this district in 1892, there have been sold about 695,600 railway ties; 185,900 posts, and 25,700 telegraph poles, in all worth about \$117,310. The demand for these is not likely to decrease to any great