

## NORTHWESTERN ONTARIO

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There was for some years a dispute as to where the boundary between Manitoba and Ontario lay, a part of what is now known as New Ontario being claimed by Manitoba. Fortunately for Manitoba the two provinces are in the same Dominion and trade is unrestricted between them, so that it makes no difference commercially to which province this territory belongs. Commercially and socially it will always have as close relations with Manitoba as with Southern Ontario, and this is true not only of the land formerly claimed by Manitoba, but of all Northwestern Ontario. The country extending from Sudbury to Rat Portage is especially fitted by nature to become a great mining and manufacturing district, for it has numerous water powers and abundance of raw materials. It has not very extensive areas of agricultural land, and when it has a large population engaged in mining and manufacturing operations the neighboring farms will not be able to supply the demand for farm products. The farmers of the district will be able to sell all they produce at good