

—Until very lately nothing was known about the district at all. Some twelve months ago the Algoma Colonisation Society was formed with the object of endeavouring to bring to the notice of the world the opportunities and inducements this country offers to successful colonisation, and a committee was organised to collect statistics and information from the actual settlers already in the district.

The result of the labours of this committee appears in a very interesting book or pamphlet, entitled "Algoma Farmers Testify," containing also a map of the district, and information also as to its great timber and mineral resources. Copies of this book may be obtained free on application to Sir Charles Tupper, the High Commissioner for Canada, London, England, or P. Byrne, Esq., the Agent for the Government of Ontario, Liverpool, England. The reader should also obtain from the latter gentleman a copy of an interesting letter concerning Algoma, published in leaflet form, and written by the Crown Land Agent, at Sault Ste. Marie, Ontario; and the reader can also obtain from Sir Charles Tupper, when it is published, which will be within a few weeks, copies of a pamphlet containing several letters written by prominent settlers in Algoma.

There are several reasons why this country should be preferred by the settler of moderate means, and by the settler of large capital as well, to other fields of immigration, all of which fully appear in the literature I have mentioned. Amongst others, a healthful climate for man and beast; fertility of soil; good home markets for all a farmer, stock-raiser, or fruit-grower can raise or grow; good spring water all over the district—innumerable springs, creeks, lakes, and rivers containing pure sweet water; the fact that the clover is indigenous to the soil and grows everywhere—hence it is the best sheep and cattle-raising country found anywhere; fruit grows well—apples, plums, cherries, and berries of all kinds; easiness of access, Sault Ste. Marie being within twenty hours by rail from Montreal or Toronto, besides being easily reached by several lines of steamers; while there are churches of all denominations, schools, and stores all over the district, and new settlements springing up here and there.

The advantages of Eastern Algoma to the incoming settler are summed up on page 51 of the pamphlet "Algoma Farmers Testify" in the following words:—"What our Algoma farmers testify proves is this, that a farmer, fruit-grower, cattle, or sheep-raiser can come to Algoma with small means and do very well if he has a fair knowledge of the business he is engaged in, and if he is hardworking. As the clerical friend we have quoted says, 'Algoma is the poor man's friend;' he means it is a place where a man can come with small means and do well."

I will be glad if the newspapers in the old country will re-copy this letter and give its contents as wide a circulation as possible. I will be glad to answer any letter which may be written me; my address is Bruce Mines, Ontario.

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