

Thompson, Bright, Gladstone, Wells and Parkinson are all pretty well occupied along the river by industrious settlers who have proven the country to be profitable for agriculture, and show by their snug farms and comfortable houses what can be done in Algoma. A government road and iron bridge over the river in Gladstone have done a good deal to assist and encourage the pioneers in the struggle inevitable to new settlers. Day has mills, church, stores and a fair settlement; and Kirkwood and Thessalon form a very prosperous community, having docks, mills, stores (including doctor and drug store), school, churches, etc., at the mouth of Thessalon river. The soil of Thessalon is chiefly heavy clay, while Kirkwood has a warm sandy loam, and both are well settled.

The government lands here are sold at 20 cents per acre, but settlers' claims of partially improved lots can frequently be purchased at from \$1.00 to \$20.00 per acre. The prices of produce have been very good, as heretofore there has been more than sufficient demand at home for all produce raised, since the lumbermen purchase from the settlers all the hay and coarser grains that they need. The quality of beef and mutton raised here is excellent; mutton, especially, being of a finer kind than that raised in more southern latitudes in the province.

The mineral resources of this part of the district have not yet been developed, but in the township of Wells, gold will pay well for working. Kirkwood yields a first-class quality of slate, and silver ore has been found in the neighborhood. In timber there is a great variety along this coast, the lofty pine abounding in some parts, while in others birch and maple predominate; fine specimens of black birch and bird's eye maple, suitable for the manufacturer, are found in abundance. In many parts a mixed timber of hardwoods, spruce, balsam, cedar and other woods, occurs, so that a furniture factory would find good material here.

This part of the country is pretty well supplied with government roads, and as settlement advances the government pushes these roads into the new townships. The climate is healthy, and the winters but little colder than in other parts of Ontario. The last two winter seasons have been delightful.

Coast Townships.

To continue the account westward, a large portion of Lefroy is white clay loam, easily cleared, and yielding a good return to the husbandman. The stranger who attempts to judge the value of the soil by his previous experience in Quebec or southern Ontario will find much to learn and *unlearn*, in northern Ontario. The character and quality of burnt land needs to be tested by local experience, and second growth timber differs so widely from the original forest that it must be studied. For