

# THE NEWER DISTRICTS OF ONTARIO

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## RAINY RIVER VALLEY, WABIGOON COUNTRY, ALGOMA, AND TEMISCAMINGUE.

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Rugby, August 10th, 1898.

TO THE HON. JOHN DRYDEN,  
Minister of Agriculture,  
Toronto.

SIR,—In accordance with instructions received from you, I proceeded to Northern and Northwestern Ontario, and made an examination of the following sections, namely :—Port Arthur and vicinity, the Wabigoon country, the Rainy River valley, the Temiscamingue district, and the country around Sault Ste. Marie.

In my examination, I endeavored, as directed by you, to secure such facts as would suggest themselves to a practical man as being useful to prospective settlers, having in mind the nature of the soil, the different kinds of timber, the difficulties of clearing, ease of access, climate, markets, kinds of crop grown, water supply, drainage, etc., and the advances that have been made.

I started on my tour of investigation about the middle of May. I left Toronto on the Canadian Pacific Railway, travelled over 1,000 miles west to Port Arthur, where I made a close examination of the land on the White Fish, Kaministiquia and Slate River valleys, and went over the townships of McIntyre, Oliver, Neebing and Paipoonge.