

in its many thousands of wood-crowned and rock girdled islets, and not alone the value of the many square miles of unscathed timber to be found on its islands and shores; it is not alone its value as a water way and outlet for the Rainy Lake and Rainy River District, and it is not alone that it is one of the most charming regions in which to take a summer holiday to be found anywhere in this continent, but it is all these combined.

AGRICULTURAL CAPABILITIES OF THE ALGOMA DISTRICT.

Below will be found the opinions of several prominent residents, old pioneers, eminent scientists, explorers, special correspondents, travellers and others, with reference to the capabilities, agricultural, stock, timber and mineral, as also of the matchless and picturesque scenery of North-Western Ontario and the adjoining Districts of Thunder Bay and Algoma. Referring to the Agricultural capabilities of Algoma—

JOHN M. HAMILTON, Esq., Crown Attorney at Sault Ste. Marie, a most competent and impartial critic, writes:

"After a residence of upwards of twenty years in Algoma East, I can confidently say, that wheat and other grains are as easily grown and ripened in many parts of the District as in the older and better settled portions of Ontario.

"Hay is a most abundant and unfailing crop, and is now selling in this neighborhood for less than eight dollars per ton.

"The rivers and lakes afford a certain and easy livelihood to those fishermen who live on their banks and shores.

"At this date of writing (August 30th, 1883) we are having splendid harvest weather, with a high barometer and thermometer.

"Oats, potatoes and all kinds of roots grow in all parts of this district most luxuriantly."

W. H. CARNEY, Esq., Sheriff of the District of Algoma, who may be said to have travelled over every foot of the District, and who has taken an active part in the promotion of its agricultural and other resources, writes:

"Having had opportunities of visiting the Main land, North Shore, and the principal islands in the eastern part of Algoma District during the present season, and being connected with the District Agricultural Society, since organization in the year 1868, I noted with interest the great improvements made in agriculture in the district along the route of my travels. I never saw a better promise of an abundant yield.