HOME OF READY-TO-START-FARMS

has direct connections to Chicago, Milwaukee, and St. Paul, together with many other smaller cities along this large railroad system. These cities give good markets, and there is a local market for all produce at the creameries, cheese factories, and potato and grain warehouses.

OUR FIELD OFFICE

Our field office is located in Mosinee. The main business district of Mosinee is across the river from the railroad station. Our offices are located on the second floor of the Mosinee State Bank Building, which is the largest business building in town and you cannot miss it. If you come to Mosinee, you will find men in the office, ready to take care of you and show you around the country. As you leave Mosinee in an automobile, you will be surprised at the big well developed farms that you see, with their splendid dairy herds. When you see the fine buildings and the big fields, you will hardly be able to believe that these valuable farms are owned by men who came to this country only five to ten years ago.

THE READY-TO-START-FARMS

All the farms that you see will be of the richest soil, with no sand or hills. After you have driven a few miles from Mosinee, you will come to the big tracts owned by the National Land Colonizing Company, which it has made into Ready-To-Start-Farms. Here you will find exactly the same rich soil, lying in the same well drained gentle rolls.

Now, as you drive along over the good roads, you will see dozens and dozens of new settlers on all sides of you. You will find good schools and stores located right in the middle of the tract, and the locations where the cheese factories are going in.

You will be surprised at the progress that these new men are making, and you will want to get out and talk with them, and see their crops, and their cows, and find out what they raised in the first year, and how they like the country, and if they are making any money, and how long it takes them to clear ten acres. After all, there is only one way to find out about a country, and that is to spend a few dollars for car fare, and come and see for yourself. Driving around, talking to the farmers on the land, and seeing the fields they got in the first year, and the crops they raise, means more than all the literature and government reports in the world.

PICKING OUT YOUR OWN FARM

Then, after you have talked with these families who will be your neighbors, you can go over the farm that you think you would like for yourself. We can tell you about it, but the only way is to come and see it yourself. Go over it and see if you like the valuable standing timber on the back end. Figure out the best place for you to make your first clearing with a brush scythe, so that you can get in at least ten acres of crops the first year. Dig down into the rich clay loam soil which is covered with rich leaf mold, and figure out if you want that farm for yourself. Go over the part where you will put in your pasture and hay by simply sowing clover broadcast without plowing. Go to the building site, and sit down there in the shade of the trees, and figure out if you would like us to put up a nice set of new buildings under those trees for you, or whether you would rather put up your own buildings. If there is a creek crossing your farm, follow along its banks and drink its fresh cool water. Find the open places on (Continued on page 6)

You Do Not Need to Take Out the Stumps to Raise Valuable Hay Crops

This picture shows clover and timothy planted between the stumps. It gives quick and productive returns. Going over the land with a spring tooth harrow is all that is necessary to prepare it for cropping. Potatoes, Marathon County's big cash crop, are also often planted between the stumps by the settler just starting. The brush is cut by hand, the down logs burned, and the land put to crops.