The St. Croix Valley.

The Inducements It Offers To Settlers—Its Soil, Climate, Population And Prospects—One of Wisconsin's Most Promising Fields For Grit, Thrift And Capital.

It is within the province of the Wisconsin Lumberman to extend information concerning the varied resources of the heretofore neglected northern counties of the state. We are therefore moved to give as wide a circulation as possible to the following statement of facts from the Hudson Star and Times:

Nearly a score of years ago, we began publishing a paper in this valley, and from that time until now, we have continued at not unfrequent periods to present the many advantages which this section offers to the settler. At that time, although settlers were few and improvements scarce we were confident that it would eventually become one of the very richest portions of the state—a very garden of beauty and wealth, and succeeding years have confirmed the conviction.

Other sections of the west are older in improvement, richer in wealth, with better buildings and more of the conveniences which gather around growing prosperity, but in the natural elements of wealth, no section of the state is superior to the St. Croix Valley. With soil of remarkable fertility and endurance, nearly all of which is available for agricultural purposes, with a surface sufficiently varied to prevent monopoly and ensure drainage, with plenty of valuable timber easily accessible, and laced by clearest streams abounding with water powers, this valley is capable of sustaining a dense population employed in varied and remunerative industry. Its towns, Prescott, Ellsworth, River Falls, Hudson, Hammond, Baldwin, Richmond, Osceola and others, are all healthy, but the country is to-day in advance of the towns. Elegant and commodious farm houses are springing up—the cabin of the early pioneer giving place to the home of the prosperous citizen—new lands are fast being subjected to tillage, and to-day the whole valley in the character and extent of its improvements, begins to present the flourishing appearance of the thrifty farming communities of old settled states.

The character of the people too, com-

pares well with the desirableness of their location. Amid the hurry and necessary disorder of early settlement, and the many imperative demands for money for merely material purposes, they have not forgotten the school-house and the church, and we do not believe there is anywhere, east or west, a people with the same means who have expended more for these purposes.

While heretofore our principle staple product has been wheat, all branches of business being largely dependent upon the crop raised and the prices realized, now a more varied industry is beginning to prevail, a wider range of agricultural enterprise manifested, and a diversity of manufacturing interests developed.

The climate here is even, healthful and pleasant, the population intelligent, industrious and thrifty, and society cultivated and refined.

Here as elsewhere, health is in a great degree the reward of care, good social standing is secured only by integrity and culture, and wealth comes only to the enterprising and industrious. Ignorance finds here no immunity from disgrace—dishonesty no protection from punishment, and indolence no paradise of ease and plenty.

It is a poor place here for loafers, but men who have grit to work, enterprise to display, or capital to invest, can find a sure and ample reward for their labor, enterprise and investments.

We invite all persons, east or west, who intend to change their location to come and see what inducements the St. Croix Valley offers, both to the laborer and the capitalist.

A recent number of the Marinette and Peshtigo Eagle says: A rumor is afloat here that there is an effort being made to remove the U. S. Land Office in this district from Menasha to Oconto. We hope it is true, and that such removal may be accomplished. The lands yet unsold by the government in this district are nearly all of them in the counties of Oconto and Shawano, Oconto having the majority of them. The location of the land office at Oconto would accommodate the people far better than its present location does, as it would in that event be much nearer to lands that are yet to be sold by the government.