

ROADS.

Roads have been opened into every settlement, and the public roads leading to market are well worked and liberal appropriations made to keep them in repair. The United States military road, leading from Green Bay to Lake Superior, passes through the county nearly east and west. Another road passes through the county north and south, opening up communication with Oshkosh. There are seven main roads leading from the village of Shawano to all parts of the county, thus affording to the emigrant excellent facilities to locate at any point and at the same be able to get his crops to market.

RIVERS AND LAKES.

The Wolf river, emptying into the Fox, is a large and steady stream suitable for navigation as far as the village of Shawano, while above the village its fall furnishes abundant water power for mills, &c. It runs through the county from north to south, and furnishes a channel for carrying off our immense bodies of pine timber. The Embarrass river is a large stream emptying into the Wolf and running westerly through the county. Red river is a stream containing a large number of valuable mill sites, and at present is used for running logs to Wolf river. Mill creek is a stream emptying into the Embarrass river. It runs through a rich agricultural district, and contains several good mill sites, and would furnish abundant power to run them. Shawano outlet is a stream connecting Lake Shawano with the Wolf river. Lake Shawano is a handsome body of water about ten miles long by six wide, bordered by handsome, thrifty pine lands. White Clay lake and Loon lake connect with Lake Shawano, and their surplus waters empty into the Wolf river, thus affording a direct communication between the pine lands which surround them and the lumber market at Oshkosh.

HEAD OF NAVIGATION.

Shawano is the head of navigation on the Wolf river, and is, and must of necessity, remain the terminus of the river carrying trade. All heavy freight is now brought by steamboat and barge from the Lakes or Mississippi river to our village without

breaking bulk, and goods purchased in New York and shipped by way of the Lakes reach us by water and are landed within the village, thus enabling our merchants to sell heavy freights at a low price as compared with the markets of other inland towns where such goods are carried over rough roads. This means of communication will furnish a cheap and reliable avenue for carrying off our surplus products, and when the improvement of the Fox and Wisconsin rivers is completed, as it shortly will be, we shall find a ready market on the Mississippi for our timber of all kinds, whether manufactured or cut ready for the manufactories of the large cities.

WATER POWER.

In water powers, Shawano county has more than almost any other county in this section of the State, and what adds to their value, is the fact that they are so equally distributed through almost the entire county, and can be made available in nearly every town. The Embarrass river affords valuable sites for mills in the towns of Bell Plain, Pella and Grant, several of which are already in use. The stream is unvarying and the water abundant. Red river has power enough to run a hundred first class mills and manufactories. Wolf river can easily and without any heavy outlay be made available for a dozen or more mills and machine shops. Mill Creek, in township twenty-six and twenty-seven of range fourteen, has several good sites for mills. Shawano lake and its outlet give a good power at a little expense. The outlet between Lake Shawano and White Clay lake will furnish a good power for a grist or saw-mill. These sites can now be purchased at reasonable prices; in fact some of the best of them can be purchased of the State at one dollar and twenty-five cents per acre.

MANUFACTURES.

Our county has as yet made but little advance in the direction of manufactories, although there is considerable talk of starting various branches. The county affords advantages in water powers and material second to none. At present we have two grist-mills, three saw-mills run by water power, and four by steam; one wagon shop, six blacksmith shops and a Potash establishment.