

HONEST, INDUSTRIOUS PEOPLE WELCOME IN WISCONSIN.

The advantage to anyone in coming to Wisconsin to locate permanently is that he is not taking his family to a wild and barren region which it will take years to develop: he is coming to a country that is already possessed of all the advantages to be secured in almost any country of fifty years of age. The manufacturing and lumber interests have built up prosperous and happy communities in almost every ten miles of the vast area of Northern Wisconsin. The railroads have networked the State in a manner that makes cities like Chicago, Milwaukee, St. Paul and Minneapolis almost neighbors. The country has already excellent schools; in fact there is no place in Northern Wisconsin to-day where there exists the need of a teacher to instruct six children and a school-house that they are not supplied. The people who are in the country engaged in manufacturing and other lines dependent thereon are an enterprising, far-seeing class who recognize the necessity of improving the now unprofitable timbered lands. Every county and its people will lend to settlers all the assistance that is possible in making their home a pleasant one and their farm a profitable one. The size of some of the counties which invite immigration is so large and so generally misunderstood that it is surprising to know that counties which contain twenty thousand people have cheap lands for fifty thousand more. None of the counties nor none of the sections of Wisconsin which ask people to come and locate there are without a fair-sized population now, but the extent of the territory and the hundreds of thousands of acres of land which are unoccupied make it possible for one hundred thousand more families to find within the borders of Wisconsin plenty of land which

will bring to them a better return for their labor and a happier home and a more certain livelihood than their present occupations. Not only are the advantages of schools, railroads, churches and society awaiting those who come to Wisconsin to locate, and not only do the municipalities, town government and the law officials guarantee to new settlers just and equitable laws, taxes and conditions, but come from whence he may, no nationality can come to Wisconsin and feel that he has entered a strange land. Many of the northern counties of the State are settled largely by foreigners.

During the past twenty years a large number of colonies have located upon lands similar to those now offered, and uniformly have the colonies prospered and grown. They have come from all parts of the world, and especially have those from the Scandinavian Peninsula, Germany and Central Europe done well. They have not only prospered as farmers; many of them have become engaged in mercantile and professional pursuits, and to-day some of the best citizens, officials and business men are from the ranks of those who came to the State only a few years ago with nothing but their labor and energy to work out for them competence and success.