

trap rocks, in which the celebrated veins of virgin copper are found. The range is from two to twelve miles wide, and extends from the extreme point of Kewaunee peninsula, in a south-west direction, across the Montreal river—the boundary line of Wisconsin and Michigan. These copper mines are the richest in the world, and will eventually afford a vast business to our railroad, in the transportation of supplies, ore, &c. Very little is known, in the southern part of the State, in regard to the immense resources of Northern Wisconsin. Its inexhaustible beds of iron ore, and veins of copper, its marble, slate, and granite quarries, its boundless acres of pine, will one day prove that there is as much real wealth as in the southern and western portions, with their fertile fields and lead mines. The prevailing opinion, that this region is entirely sterile and unfit for farming purposes, is as great an error, as I have had occasion to know.

The country on the north shore of Green Bay, is known abroad as a great lumber region. The greater portion of the timber is pine, interspersed, however, among it may be found ridges of hard maple and beech, and other hard woods. At the mouth of the Menomonee, Oconto, Pensaukee and Suamico rivers, are heavy lumbering establishments, the products of which find a ready market at the ports on Lake Michigan. A large number of men is employed in the lumbering business, the supplies necessary for whose subsistence are brought from the south end of Lake Michigan. The maple and beech lands are of a good soil, of a sandy loamy character, capable of producing any kind of grain or vegetables, all of which will find a ready market at the lumbering establishments. The North-Eastern railroad will penetrate into these lumber regions, and will consequently open to the interior of the southern portion of the State, a ready means for transporting produce to the Lake Superior region, receiving in return the iron and lumber, so necessary to the prosperity of the interior of Wisconsin and Illinois. I am fully satisfied