

sidered expedient to locate the North Western Indians in this country, the land should be apportioned among the first settlers, with an eye to the ultimate object. The Menominie Treaty has a clause providing for this contingency, which gives the United States the power, at any time, of extinguishing the title of this Tribe to all their lands on the west side of Fox river, and Green Bay, with the exception of the tract set apart for their farming country. There the government can at once possess itself of at least *four millions of acres*, for the purpose of establishing this colony, exclusive of that already obtained for the New York Tribes. The western boundary line between the U. S. and the Indians would then be the Fox and Wisconsin rivers—the one emptying its waters into the lakes and the other into the Mississippi, four miles below Prairie du Chene.

I believe that this Country could be cultivated, with great success, as far north as the Menominie river, which empties into Green Bay, about sixty miles below this settlement. There are two American Traders located about three miles up this river from its mouth, who raise excellent crops of corn, oats and potatoes. This river has water power equal to Fox river, and it is a still more handsome stream. Messrs. Farnsworth and Bush,¹ the Traders are erecting a sawmill on the premises they occupy, on one of the finest sites I have ever seen. They take, and export every season, from three to eight hundred barrels of White Fish. They catch the fish in a basket, fixed under a dam in the river.

In concluding this communication I can not refrain from again calling your attention to the dazzling attractions offered by this country, to an enterprising and industrious population: and its location may better be explained by fixing its *course* and *distance* from prominent points known to the geography of the United States. From this place to Buffalo, the distance is above nine hundred miles. The navigation between these places, is uninterrupted, and the

¹ See sketch of William Farnsworth, by Morgan L. Martin, *Wis. Hist. Colls.*, ix, pp. 397-400.—Ed.