

✓ ONTONAGON'S HOPE.

Ontonagon will soon be given direct rail communication with the outer world. The Milwaukee & Northern extension from Hill Creek to the O. & B. R. R. twenty-mile section will be ready for train service within a month, and this will afford that place the railway facilities for which it has so long and patiently waited. The rails will be down on the extension early next week, and as soon as the road is ironed several surfacing gangs will be set at work and the track ballasted with all possible expedition. It is thought that the extension can be got in condition to permit of putting on trains by the first of October. The new section of the road runs from Hill Creek on the D., S. S. & A. line to a connection with the O. & B. R. R. line about six miles southeast of Rockland, and there is about thirty miles of it, this making fifty miles in all from Hill Creek to Ontonagon.

Hill Creek is getting to be quite a business point. A new depot is being put up there at the junction of the two lines, and there is a hotel in the place, with another projected, also a couple of restaurants. Fourteen miles above there on the extension is another point that promises to become quite a business place, this being Farnham. There is a small store there now, conducted by J. E. Farnham, who is the postmaster, and Mr. Farnham is erecting a house with a view to providing accommodations for the traveling public. The point offers good facilities for lumbering, and there is some talk of having a sawmill put in there at an early date. The opening up of this region by the railroad is going to create quite a number of brisk towns in what has hitherto been a wilderness, and will do a great deal to promote the prosperity of Ontonagon county.

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