

## Village of Elmira

Elmira village is located in the western part of Otsego and eastern part of Antrim Counties, 12 miles from Gaylord and about 20 miles from Bellaire, the county seat of Antrim County. It is situated on the G. R. & I. R. R. 9 miles north of Alba and 9 miles south of Boyne Falls.

The village is surrounded by one of the best belts of hardwood timber in the state. The timber is being utilized for manufacturing purposes and the lands are being rapidly improved and made to blossom as the rose by an industrious, enterprising class of men. We challenge a comparison of enterprise, education and moral refinement with the older portions of the state.

It is a mistake to suppose that the only ignorant and thriftless are settling the newer portions of the state: it requires brain and muscle to become pioneers and hew out homes in the heavy timber of this section of country.

The farmers as a rule are doing well financially, and we assert without fear of successful contradiction that they are making more money, in proportion to the amount invested than are the farmers in southern and central Michigan.

Although apparently nestled in a valley Elmira is in reality on about the highest part of the county. It is a hustling burg of about 300 inhabitants with enterprising business; has good churches and schools and a highly desirable class of residents.