

**HARBOR SPRINGS, EMMET COUNTY, MICHIGAN
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Harbor Springs, formerly called Little Traverse, is the county seat of Emmet County. It is growing rapidly, having increased from 600 to 1,500 since it was incorporated in 1881. It is situated upon the best harbor upon the great lakes, on the north side of Little Traverse Bay. It is the terminus of the B. V. L. T. & M. railroad, a branch of the G. R. & I., and has regular lines of steamers connecting with all points on the lakes.

It is surrounded by excellent farming lands, which were an Indian reservation until a few years ago, but are now being rapidly developed. There is an abundance of excellent timber, including maple, birch, ash, elm, basswood, beech and birds-eye maple, with occasional tracts of good cedar and hemlock.

Lumber and all kinds of building materials are cheap, building stone abundant, our brick are equal to the best made in Milwaukee, and only four miles away is an inexhaustible lime stone ledge producing the best lime in the world.

Our forest afford material for almost every character of wood manufactures, immense quantities of bark for tanneries, and cheap fuel for blast furnaces or

factories. The facilities for shipping are unexcelled, and there is a mile of harbor front where manufacturing establishments can have the railroad on one side and good dockage on the other. The business men of Harbor Springs will contribute liberally to any worthy enterprise, and have formed an organization for the purpose of extending substantial encouragement to all such.

The village is beautifully located, is a famous summer resort and becoming more popular every year. The climate is mild and even, and this is acknowledged to be the healthiest region east of California. Improved and unimproved farming land and desirable village property is very cheap. There are no bonds on the village and only two thousand yet unpaid on the school district. We have an excellent graded school of four departments, splendidly equipped fire department with engine, hose, and hook and ladder companies, five churches, good society and an excellent administration of our local affairs.

For further particulars or any desired information regarding the resources of the county or the attractions of the place, address with stamp, B. T. Halstead, Secretary Citizens' Union, or C. S. Hampton, President, Harbor Springs, Mich.