

obtaining the information respecting the resources and condition of the County required by the Athenæum. The facts and figures of which the Report is mainly composed had to be hastily collected from a vast variety of sources ; and from the necessary haste with which the work has been done, your committee have not been able to make it as elaborate, reliable and satisfactory, as they could have desired. Your committee suggest that though it be now necessary to put it in print in its present form, in order to aid in the accomplishment of a certain purpose, yet to obtain and publish the fullest and most reliable information possible respecting our County is a matter not of temporary but of permanent interest. This Report might be taken as the basis of more searching and extended researches ; and the Athenæum, taking a sufficiency of time for the purpose, and applying to the task the varied information and experience, and the energy and application of its various members, might produce such a full and reliable account of the condition, resources, trade and prospects of Carleton, as would place it before the world in the position to which by the richness of its natural resources, the developement of its industry, and the intelligence and enterprise of its people, it is justly entitled. Such a work would be of immense benefit to the County, and would worthily employ the labors of our young but spirited association.

Respectfully submitted.

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