

*The following Statement of Local Statistics was submitted to the Provincial Legislature, when the Bill incorporating the Railway Company was under discussion in 1844.*

The route as surveyed passes through the Counties of Chambly, part of Verchères, Rouville, St. Hyacinthe, Shefford, Sherbrooke, and Stanstead, and in the vicinity of Richelieu and of Drummond, all of which Counties will be materially benefitted by the construction of the Railway. The following statistics in relation to these Counties have been carefully compiled from the recent census of the Province, and may be relied on as correct; they have been made to include only those sections which the Committee believe would be directly benefitted by the Railroad, and would use it as their road to market.

The County of Chambly, without the Parish of St. John, contains—15,158 Inhabitants, and raises annually 40,454 bushels of Wheat, 427,978 bushels of other grains, 217,286 bushels Potatoes; it contains 13,253 head of Neat Cattle, 5,717 Horses, and 21,776 Sheep and Hogs.

That part of Rouville comprising the Parishes of St. Athanase, St. Hilaire, St. Jean Baptiste and St. Matthias, contains—9,805 Inhabitants, raising 27,957 bushels of Wheat, 175,442 bushels of other grains, 103,384 bushels Potatoes, 7,732 Neat Cattle, 2,833 Horses, 14,233 Sheep and Hogs.

That part of Verchères comprising the Parishes of Belœil and St. Marc, contains—3,223 Inhabitants, raising 5,490 bushels Wheat, 91,817 bushels other grains, 39,567 bushels Potatoes, 3,636 Neat Cattle, 1,376, Horses, 6,019 Sheep and Hogs.

That part of Richelieu comprising the parishes of St. Denis, St. Charles, St. Barnaby, and St. Jude, contains—6,823 Inhabitants, raising about 8,500 bushels Wheat, 150,000 bushels other grains.

The County of St. Hyacinthe contains—21,734 Inhabitants, raising 50,685 bushels Wheat, 236,243, bushels other grains, 225,925 bushels Potatoes, 16,351 Neat Cattle, 6,871 Horses, 26,254 Sheep and Hogs.