

River has floated logs from the north boundary of the township of Havelock, Stanhope Minden, Lutterworth and Somerville likewise a distance of about 70 miles to Balsam Lake. The west branch of Gull River has floated logs from Senora Lake to Balsam Lake."

Besides the numerous streams mentioned by Mr. Boyd, there are the following navigable waters extending south and westwards from the direct route, viz.: Chemong Lake for distance of about 10 miles, the Scugog river and lake between Lindsay and Port Perry, a distance of about 28 miles; the South Bay of Balsam Lake 4 miles, and the waters of Lake Simcoe (unless the Barrie route be adopted) from its eastern end to Barrie and Holland Landing, a distance of about 20 miles to Barrie and 30 to Holland Landing.

Between Midland and Sault St. Marie, along the eastern shore of the Georgian Bay, are many similar streams more or less navigable for moderate sized craft, and all of which would serve to widen the area benefitted by the completion of this water-way.

Reason Six

Because the resources and products of the Midland-Ontario District are very largely of such a character, that the cheapest of cheap freights is a pre-requisite to their development.

Mr. E. W. RATHBUN, of Deseronto, in the course of his evidence before the Trent Commission says:—

"It seems to me that the advantages of the proposed canal would be chiefly local. I have no fear of those of our people having a long haul being properly served. It is *those living here* in the section of Ontario, through which the proposed canal passes, that have not the advantages of a long haul rate and have not the advantages given by these different channels by water and by rail to tide water, that the Western producer enjoys. Our farm products come into competition with the Western products, and the latter have the advantages of smaller investments and long haul rates; there is no doubt that if the canal is put