

This scheme carried out, Carleton County would be united, by its centre of business, Woodstock, by Railway with Fredericton, St. Andrews, St. Stephen, Calais, St. John. And by St. Andrews, St. John and St. Stephen, it would have connection, in one direction, with all important places in the United States; and in another direction, with the Northern and North Eastern portions of this Province, and with Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island.

Let us glance, very briefly, at a few of the facilities which we shall thus have secured.

A resident of Carleton could get into a train at Woodstock. He could be in Fredericton in say four hours and a half; or in St. Stephen or Calais in four hours and a quarter; or in St. Andrews in four hours and a half; or in St. John in six hours. In twelve hours he would be on the borders of Nova Scotia.

To reach St. John now requires two days. At certain seasons of the year there is a connection by which St. John may be reached in a day and a night; but for all practical purposes we cannot call the journey less than two days.

Next consider the relative cost of travelling by the two modes of conveyance—that at present available, and that provided by a Railway.

During the season in which steamers run both above and below Fredericton, the fare through to St. John is generally two dollars fifty cents. As you have two days travel, you must add, at the lowest estimate, one dollar fifty cents for other necessary expenses; making the actual expense four dollars. But for one half the Summer steamers do not run above Fredericton; and during this time the only public conveyance is the stage, with a fare of three dollars between Woodstock and Fredericton. In winter, say from the fifteenth of November to the first of May, nearly six months, the whole distance must be travelled by stage.

By the proposed Railway one could leave Woodstock after a meal, and arrive in St. John in time for the next; and this at a cost, in Summer and Winter alike, of two dollars fifty cents. To make a trip to St. John at any season would occupy little more time than it now does in Summer to run to Fredericton and back by steamboat. The merchant, lumberer, farmer or mechanic from any part of Carleton would be enabled to leave his residence any morning, go to St. John, and be back at home in the evening of the next day, having out of the thirty-five or