

Toronto & Ottawa Railway.

THE object in contemplation of the Company is the construction of a Railway between the cities of Toronto and Ottawa, by as direct a route as practicable.

Whether as regards the local or provincial relations of such proposed road, it must be looked upon as of much importance—serving as it will a large section of country to which railway communication is of essential importance, and providing additional means of transportation to tide water of the various productions of the Province.

Meeting at its western terminus the centre provincial trade and commerce, and connecting easterly with the road now being pushed forward towards early completion by the Provincial Government of Quebec, it will form a material element in facilitating the transportation easterly to tide water of the various productions of the Province, whether gathered from the locality proposed to be traversed by it, or drawn from various parts of the Province by the numerous roads converging at Toronto—such increased facilities, involving as well a reduction of freightage as expedition and certainty of transit, upon which the movement of produce so largely depends.

The contemplated road would form the final and completing link of a trunk line of railway communication from the Great West to tide water at Montreal, composed of the proposed road, the Great Western Railway and connections in the west, and the Quebec Government Road in the East.

There would be opened up to settlement and cultivation a very