

through which it is to run, and such as are connected with the neighboring states and territories, which should be duly considered by the Engineer in the plan and views of location. The chief motive to such works by incorporated companies, are founded in the profits expected. These may arise from the receipts of the road directly, or indirectly from the influence of the road upon property of the stockholders lying in the vicinity.

Besides other indirect advantages to be derived from constructing your road, and which are generally understood, a less obvious but very important one, affecting the health of the adjacent country and the value of lands, will be experienced in the drainage it will effect. In the progress of making the road, great care must be taken to conduct the surplus waters, which it crosses, into natural channels for their discharge. This will in your case reclaim to the most profitable cultivation, large tracts of great fertility now too wet for the purposes of husbandry.

The direct profits will depend upon the extent of its use, and that again upon the condition and wants of the entire region, which it will accommodate. Your road will offer important facilities to large portions of the United States. From these, therefore, you will expect a great share of the remuneration, which is to reward your enterprise, and the plan of location, in that case, may vary to command sectional divisions of that territory.

The shrewd, watchful and active inhabitants of the United States adjacent to your Province, or at least within the reach of the attraction of your road, are projecting improvements in all directions, and are thriving and multiplying rapidly, under the burthens of an out-lay for roads and canals, beyond all former precedent. In past times, the world has never witnessed such facilities of intercourse, as now, every where, awaits the use of man. This is partly the effect, and partly the cause, of a universal activity so animated as almost to make nations giddy.

The spirit of these improvements has been most efficaciously developed in New York, which has already opened very easy