

give them what they have long been anxious to obtain—a choice. One fact will indicate the importance of what is coming—when the new Sault Ste. Marie road is completed, with its connections, Minneapolis will be as near to tide water as Chicago is now. Truly there are great changes in progress.

Of special interest to the people of Ontario is one certain development of the year—the opening up of the Pacific Junction Railway from Gravenhurst to Callander, which puts the whole railway system of this province in connection with the Canadian Pacific main line. In this issue the greater portion of our space is devoted to information concerning this new and most important connection.

Two separate considerations are to be noted. First—Ontario's improved communication with the Northwest and the Pacific coast, now secured for winter as well as for summer. And, next—the suggestion that immense stores of coal lie waiting Ontario enterprise to avail itself of them, at a distance from Toronto of only about fifty miles greater than is the city of Quebec. We urge upon both merchants and manufacturers in this province the importance of looking north, as elsewhere set forth. Nay, we hesitate not to say that herein lies by far the most necessary and the most promising problem of railway construction which they have before them to-day. And much more might be said, but space forbids. The importance of the subject to Ontario can hardly be exaggerated.

OUR CARD BASKET.

THE following is a list of those who have favored us with a call since the date of our last issue:—

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