

track from Quebec, and from thence to Montreal there is a line of some sixty-seven miles in length. It must be understood that the road from Portland to Montreal is the property of the Grand Trunk company, the portion of it which runs from the American frontier to Portland having been bought or leased for ninety-nine years. The enumerated links are equal to 422 miles.

From Montreal to Toronto, a distance of 335 miles, the road was completed and opened for traffic last October, and the celebration of that event by the citizens of Montreal was the occasion of the most magnificent display ever before attempted in Canada, or perhaps on the continent. Between four and five thousand guests, mostly from a distance, sat down to a sumptuous feast in one room, and were attended by an army of two hundred and fifty waiters, when every conceivable delicacy in the edible line, and the proper adjuncts of generous liquids, were profusely supplied. Processions of the trades in daylight, and of the fire department with torches at night; fireworks and water excursions, with a grand public ball, filled up the two days devoted to the rejoicings, which cost an immense sum of money.

Between Montreal and Toronto there are several junction lines which are likely to be affiliated to the Grand Trunk; these are the Prescott and Ottawa road, fifty miles long; the Brockville and Pembroke, one hundred and sixty miles; the Cobourg and Peterborough, twenty-eight miles; and the Port Hope and Lindsay, thirty-six miles. The Brockville and Pembroke is the only one not finished, but it is fast progressing, and when it is done, this will make 696 miles east and north of Toronto under one management. From Toronto the Grand Trunk is completed to Stratford, two-thirds of the way to Port Sarnia, to which it is fast being pushed; this will add 160 miles to the 696, making a total of 856. Besides these, several junction lines are projected, which will give a whole length to the Grand Trunk of 1112 miles.

The next great railway interest is the Great Western, which runs from Toronto through Hamilton and London to Windsor, and also from Hamilton to Suspension Bridge, over the river Niagara, one mile below the Falls, so celebrated throughout the world. These lines extend about two hundred and fifty miles, but they have several branches, which increase the distance considerably.

From Toronto northward, the Ontario and Huron road, now finished and in operation, runs to Collingwood, a distance of ninety-six miles.

Another road, the Buffalo, Brantford, and Goderich, connecting the latter with the former place, will soon be completed. It crosses the tracks of the Grand Trunk and Great Western, striking London on its way. Its whole length is one hundred and sixty miles.

From Niagara to Chippawa there is a line in operation seven-