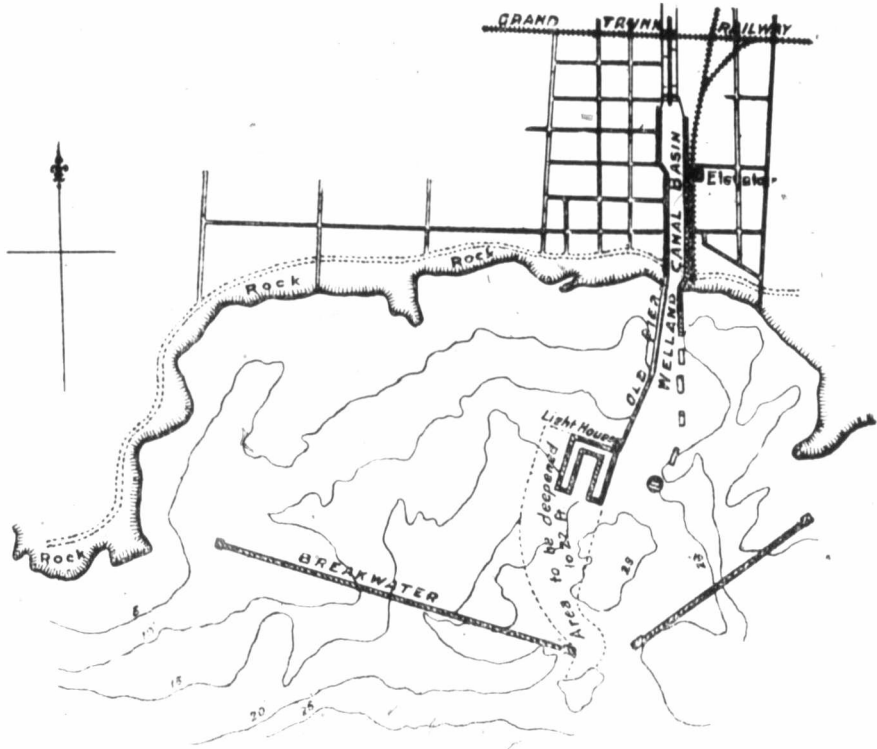


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Fear of such a diversion of trade doubtless is the prime cause of the proposed large expenditure in deepening the Erie Canal; but even in its improved state the Erie Canal route will be inferior, both as regards depth (10' as compared to 14') and distance for the St. Lawrence route (Port Colborne to Montreal) is shorter by over 120 miles than the Buffalo to New York waterway.



PORT COLBORNE HARBOUR IMPROVEMENTS

Fig. 1.

The works comprise new docks, excavation of channels, and two large breakwaters to east and west of the port. These breakwaters, of which one, 5,000' long, is totally finished, while the other, 2,400 long, is half completed, are under the supervision of Department of Public Works. The rest of the works are in the