

"River St. Lawrence unimpeded during its course from Lake Ontario to the sea, there would be nothing farther to desire on that point, and Upper Canada would then virtually be, what it ought to be, but what it certainly is not at present, in any sense of the word, a maritime Province of Great Britain. The advantages to the Colony, and also to the mother country, which would flow from the increased facility of commercial and other intercourse between them, which these channels would open, are more considerable than many people are aware of. It may be worth while, therefore, to consider the means which it is proposed to adopt, in order to facilitate the direct intercourse between Great Britain and Upper Canada."

The opening of a navigation which is now about to carry the ships of Lake Ontario to the rapids of St. Mary, and eventually to the remotest shores of Lake Superior, will form an important era in the history of Canada—"futura-  
 turity will disclose the benefits it will produce, and experience will pronounce an unerring decision". A vessel arriving at Buffalo or Black Rock with goods or produce for New York, trans-  
 fers her cargo into the canal boats, from whence, at Albany, they are transhipped into schooners or tow-boats, and pay treble freight. The Well-  
 land Canal will carry produce from the most remote inlet on Lake Huron to the Port of Pres-  
 cott; and as soon as the St. Lawrence shall have been improved to Quebec or Halifax in the same bottom in which it was at first shipped.—  
 Men of business will readily perceive what an important advantage will thus be gained in the saving of double or treble freight.

In concluding this report, I beg leave very respectfully to congratulate your Excellency upon the prosperous and forward condition of the Canal generally, I feel that it will, daily, and deservedly, become more and more an object of public confidence and of public interest, and should this plain statement of facts prove successful, in removing, in part, the doubts of some and the fears of others with regard to the stability of the works, I would be pleased and gratified.

When the Canal is opened and has practically manifested its usefulness, for strengthening the ties of social connexion, for promoting and encouraging the progress of the arts of civilized life, for advancing the great interests of productive industry; and for establishing the blessings of easy intercommunication within the province, then will it be considered that the grand system of internal improvements has had a fair and successful trial amongst us, and that the policy of continuing the line from Erie to the ocean has obtained in its favor, the test of experience.

Should the junction of the great lakes with the Atlantic, by the line of ship canals happily begun, be accomplished during Your Excellency's administration of this government, Your Excellency, by promoting and encouraging the great work, would deserve the lasting gratitude of the colonists and the approbation of the British nation.

**ROBERT RANDAL.**

*Chippawa, May 31st, 1830.*

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