

for the friends of that enterprize, and for others interested in the prosperity of Toronto and its railway connections, that evidence such as that presented by the deputation present is now afforded of the fact that such trade as was anticipated by the projectors of the Northern Road is so rapidly springing into existence, and we deem this a fitting time to bring under the notice of those whose interests are identical with our own, and under the notice of the public generally, the desirableness of advancing the progress of opening up that trade, which is so important to us.

With that view, we propose to point out and recommend the initiation by this meeting of that course of action which they deem best calculated to promote the desired end, and to claim such support for that course as the prospects of securing a suitable return for the capital invested, backed by the advantages likely to accrue to the interests indicated, may seem to warrant.

The rapid settlement of the Territory of Minnesota, which has increased from a population of 3000 in 1850 to an estimated population at the commencement of the present year of 100,000—the immense tide of immigration flowing up the Mississippi, and which carried to St. Paul (the capital of Minnesota) nearly 40,000 immigrants during the navigation of 1853—the uniformly favourable reports received of the Territory as an agricultural district—while the mineral wealth of it and the Northern parts of Wisconsin have been ascertained to be almost unbounded, have entirely