

The advancement of this locality, even in spite of the neglect in which it has been left is something remarkable. But the condition of isolation in which it is placed is everywhere felt, and it is a sense of this condition which has led the prominent men of the district to foster the project with the zeal which so honorably distinguishes them. The whole County of Pontiac is in a ferment of excitement from the hopes raised of the ultimate completion of this line. A fact suggestive to the importer and the dealer in produce of the market it will open, and the enterprise it will create. Of all the questions which have arisen as to the necessity of a direct route between Montreal and Ottawa none to the mind of the writer is so paramount, as that the connection should embrace the country to the north-west in the Province of Quebec.

The prominent anticipated results of the projected line may thus be summarised.

1. The healthy development of an important district of the Province of Quebec, which hitherto has received but little fostering assistance; the projected railway establishing direct connection with the markets of the Dominion and the United States.

2. Opening a new market to the enterprise of Montreal, and similarly increasing the facilities of intercourse between the Counties of Pontiac and Ottawa, and the City of Ottawa and Pembroke.

3. Establishing railway connection between the City of Montreal, and the City of Ottawa on the one hand—and the great Pacific Railway on the other, 25 miles less in length than by any other route.

4. The probability of diverting, to a great extent, the pleasure travel of the Continent to the City of Ottawa, and to the Upper Ottawa.

5. Extending the necessary facilities for the carriage by railway of plank, and such timber as can be economically placed on the rail at a point in the Ottawa navigation, before difficulty arises in the descent of the river by rapids.

The above respectfully submitted.

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