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The population of the section of Country in Canada, through which the Road passes, is over 100,000 Souls, exclusive of Montreal which contains over 50,000; a great portion of the country intersected by it is still in a wild state, but composed of the best timbered lands, and soil of richest quality, which will as soon as the route is open, be covered by a dense population. The returns of local passenger traffic in the State of Massachusetts, shew a return of 10s. per head, of the population through which each road passes.

The freight downwards being so much cheaper by the St. Lawrence, the same reasons must cause the upward freight to be cheaper, and the rule which applies to Cleveland, applies to Chicago and every intermediate port;—an immense amount of Tea, Sugar, Fish, Oil, Molasses, Iron, bar, &c. Merchandize, Wines, &c., is forwarded by the Erie Canal, to Oswego and Buffalo, destined for the Western States, also for Upper Canada. The cheaper and speedier transit by the proposed route, must divert over it a large portion of this Trade.

So far, the inquiry has been confined to the causes which would create a traffic on this Road from the transportation of produce from one part of the United States, the West, to another, the East; but attention must be drawn to the local trade arising from the extensive water powers of the Country crossed by this Road, from the immense forests covered with pine and other valuable woods, which sawn would find a ready market in the States, as well as the West Indies, exclusive of the extensive supplies of sawed lumber from the Ottawa: The fuel required for the City of Montreal, must become an important *item* of traffic over this road; from these several sources, the following estimate of probable traffic over the St. Lawrence and Atlantic Rail-Road, may not be considered exaggerated.

	Barrels.
Flour intended for State of Maine, - -	200,000
Manufacturing Districts of N. Hampshire and Massachusetts, - - -	200,000
Nova Scotia, New Brunswick, and the Fisheries, - -	200,000
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