

vals of applications for Government lands under the Labour Act. It will be easily understood that lands applied for by actual settlers are applied for under the Labour Act; and that lands which are applied for by payment down, or by instalments, are generally bought for purposes of speculation. Now in the year mentioned, the Crown Land Returns show that of 1,004 approvals of applications under the Labour Act in the Province, there were 234 for lands in Carleton County; while of the number of acres for which application was thus made, in all 95,955, over a third,—23,202,—were in Carleton.

Had there been a Bridge across the River for the last ten years, at this day the East side would probably have been little, if at all, behind the West side in production. A Bridge would nearly equalize the advantages of the two sides; and with a Railway to Woodstock such an impetus would be given to settlement upon the enormous extent of wild lands on the East side, that in ten years from the time at which the Bridge was completed we should have the productions of the County double those of its West side. With these facilities of communication Carleton would, in a few years drive from the markets the competing produce of Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island. Her capacity for agricultural production cannot be judged by what she does at present produce, both from the want of access to the East side, and because her farmers have no regular and steady market in which to dispose of their surplus produce. The home demand in our villages and in the lumber woods, falls very far short of what is necessary to draw forth the capabilities of the soil. Consequently production is cramped, and kept down to the narrow limits of demand.

Of most of the Mineral resources of Carleton little is as yet known. The presence of Copper over a considerable extent of country has been known for years; and Copper Mines have been opened and worked, but not as yet profitably. Limestone is abundant in several districts. Hydraulic Limestone has been found; as has also been Antimony and other minerals, besides large quarries of Roofing Slate. To these and other minerals and stones we shall make no further reference; as they cannot be counted on as of immediate availability in furnishing traffic for a Railway. But the developement of the Iron Mines has already commenced; and in them Carleton possesses the crude materials which must, with Railway communication, make her second in wealth to no district of the same extent in North America. The great difficulties