

Having in my address to His Excellency Sir Francis Head, gone so fully into the subject of rail-ways, and pointed out the facilities of raising the funds for their formation, I would alone advert to the subject at present as connected with free transit. It is to be observed that a line of rail-road from Toronto to Lake Huron would not, as I am informed, exceed 76 miles, and could be passed in 6 hours; while the distance by the River St. Clair, Lake Erie, and to Lake Ontario, is fully equal to 700 miles, and would by steam-boats, &c. occupy 3 days, with a like number of transhipments or removals, and by the ordinary ship conveyance would occupy as many days as hours by the rail-road to Toronto. From Toronto by steam to Oswego 12 hours, what route can compare with the one under consideration? Who does not perceive, that the vast supplies of Hardware, Crockery, Cutlery, and British Manufacture, would pass direct from England to the Western Merchants by the St. Lawrence, while all the supplies they draw from New York would by way of Oswego, pass on to Lake Huron by Toronto or Hamilton.

And would you allow the Citizens of the United States and others to pass their Merchandize the same as his Majesty's Subjects, across the Peninsula from Toronto to Lake Huron free of duties? Certainly! and that too without reference to any act of reciprocity on their part, deeming it sound policy to pursue that course which is beneficial for the Province, and not preclude it from great advantages because others may not be disposed to pursue a corresponding policy towards us, the policy of drawing commerce by our rivers, rail-ways, and by our vessels and boats, is solely with a view to render the facilities which the Province affords profitable to its Inhabitants, and that too without reference to the policy of others—I should hope the day is come, that those