

Local prejudices, and the misconception of parties unacquainted with the position, having now been removed, it is universally conceded by practical men, that the harbor under construction, will afford full facilities for the Western trade, and enable the Company to organize safe and regular Upper Lake connexions.

Under sanction of the Railway Commissioners, contracts have accordingly been concluded for the construction of the necessary works which are now in active progress. A Landing Pier in nine feet water has already been completed in connexion with the shore, and its extension for shelter purposes into deep water is proceeding rapidly.

I confidently anticipate, therefore, that before the close of the season, such sufficient wharfage facilities will be provided and protective works executed, as will enable the Company to initiate a through route to Mackinaw and Green Bay.

The steamer already plying (from Collingwood to Penetanguishene and other ports in the Georgian Bay) in the Company's service finds ample accommodation and full security, and is already tending to centralize the local trade at your terminus. When, therefore, the line shall have been opened throughout its length in September next, and the Harbor works sufficiently advanced, it would, in my opinion, be highly politic to organize—1st. Steam connection with Mackinaw and Green Bay direct, and secondly, with the Saulte St. Marie, Owen's Sound, St. Vincent, and Penetanguishene, for local trade; for, whilst undoubtedly, the Fall trade might thus, to some extent, be secured to your road, such a course could not fail to result beneficially by tending to a fuller and more immediate development of the route on the opening of the ensuing Spring.

In connection with such a service it is highly satisfac-