

REPORT

On the Agricultural, Mineral and other Resources, and the Industrial and Commercial condition, of Carleton County, with special reference to the question of Railway Extension.

To the President and Members of the Woodstock Athenæum :

The Committee appointed under Resolution of the Meeting of the Athenæum of the 28th of January last, to prepare a Report embodying all the statistical information attainable as to the Resources and Trade of Carleton County, have during the two past weeks been engaged in that work; and now present to you the result of their labors.

Although no mention is made in the Resolution under which the Committee was raised of the subject of Railway extension, it was understood at the meeting that the Report was to bear directly upon that question.

This idea of the extension of our system of Railways has been recently taken up in the City of St. John by leading and influential men of our commercial metropolis; and has been readily caught up and welcomed in a number of places on the western side of the Province. The proposition, as enunciated in a paper read before a meeting composed of the members of the St. John Chamber of Commerce, and other gentlemen of that City, is to connect St. John with the St. Andrew's line; to connect by a branch line with Fredericton; and by another branch line with St. Stephen. This movement is in connection with a similar one in the State of Maine, the object of which is to unite the system of Railways of Maine with those of New Brunswick and of Nova Scotia; it being believed that should the union be made between New Brunswick and Maine, Nova Scotia would lose little time in building.