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We have entered at some length upon the various productions and resources of Carleton County in order to show what business we could immediately furnish to a Railway ; what increase in that business we might reasonably expect. We desired also to place Carleton County before the public in a light somewhat more consistent with her actual importance than that in which she is generally viewed. In other portions of the Province, more particularly in the commercial metropolis, no adequate notion of what Carleton is, and of what she is capable, exists. True she has a high reputation as an agricultural district, and her people are favorably known for their intelligence and enterprise ; but that reputation is rather a shadowy one ; and if people abroad were asked to give facts and figures to substantiate the popular opinion concerning us, they would probably be puzzled to do so off-hand. Many of the facts and figures which are given in this Report may be found in official and other documents ; but these are little studied. And it must be recollected that Carleton cannot be fairly judged by her present actual production, magnificent proportionately as that is. What she now does is but a trifle to what she could do under favorable circumstances. As we have already stated, the inland position which she occupies, and the consequent difficulty and expense of reaching markets, have been a fearful clog to her advance ; not only keeping down production in the branches of industry already opened, but preventing most effectually the opening of others which might be made equally remunerative. With proper facilities of Railways and Bridges, not only would her present production be probably quadrupled in ten years ; but numerous new openings would be made for industry ; and her production would increase in kind not less than in quantity. Whatever she has as yet been enabled to accomplish, has been accomplished in spite of difficulties and drawbacks the most disheartening. Everything has been against her except the richness of her resources and the enterprise of her people. For more than half the year she has been shut in from the outside world ; what her people produced for sale could be got to market but for a brief time in the year, and that time the very one at which their attention was most required to their work at home. During the remainder of the season, her farmers could dispose of their produce only by hawking around the streets of a few villages and hamlets. With beef at three or four cents a pound, and oats at twenty-five to thirty cents a bushel,—as has often been the case,—the agriculturist has little