

already mentioned. This point of land, as also the Manitoulin Island, stretching off still further to the north-west, are simply continuations of this ridge. Take any map which shows the country as far west as the foot of Lake Superior—cast your eye along this point north-westward, thence along the Manitoulin Island and the whole string of lesser islands beyond, and you will see at once the *stretch* in that direction of this identical Niagara Mountain ridge. To get a right idea of what it is, you must imagine yourselves standing somewhere on the lower plain to the north of Lake Ontario, and looking at a wall which faces you, from three hundred to six or eight hundred feet high. At the foot of this wall lies the country on the Lake Ontario level, which from Queenston round to Flamboro' East is but a narrow strip, but beyond that widens out into all the rest of Upper Canada lying east of the ridge. Make the ascent of this wall, and you stand on the level which is above the Falls, that is, the level of Lake Erie and Lake Huron. The country above the ridge is a high table land, with a slope towards Lake Erie, the River St. Clair, and Lake Huron, in each of these directions respectively. From the big swamp which, with its outliers, extends throughout Melancthon, Proton, Luther, Amaranth, and thereabouts, flow the Grand River, the Maitland, the Credit, and the Saugeen. You do not require to be professional men—civil engineers—to understand from a consideration of these facts what the “lay” of the country actually is. Your district of country is on the Lake Huron level, with something additional, represented by whatever fall of water there may be between your respective localities and the lake. The market you want to reach, be it Hamilton or Toronto, is on the Lake Ontario level—the level of the lake itself, in fact, as the cars at both these places run to the water's edge.