

extract from the Directors' report last June will more fully elucidate the subject.

"The Lumber Trade of the Grand River, which will centre at Caledonia, has become of such importance and magnitude, that it merits special notice. The demand for lumber at Chicago, has already had the effect of drawing the supplies from the Grand River, so that the manufacturer has the choice of two great markets open to him. By means of the Hamilton and Port Dover line, the great staple product of this section of Canada, may be delivered with equal facility at Hamilton, where what is not required for local consumption, may be shipped to Eastern markets by way of Oswego; or *via* Port Dover, to supply the western demand."

THE GREAT SOUTHERN RAILWAY.

Perhaps one of the most important features in the Hamilton and Dover line, consists in the connection that it will form between the Great Southern Railway, which will undoubtedly be built without any great delay, and Lake Ontario at Hamilton. The Directors do not know that they can state the value of this connection more forcibly than they have already done in the report just referred to, which they therefore quote.

"The next thing to be noted, is the fact that the population of the Southern tier of Counties, bordering on Lake Erie, now amounts to nearly 200,000.* This tract of country, which is unprovided with railway communication, is over 200 miles long, and of an average breadth of 20 miles. In the fertility of its soil, the mildness of its climate, and the industry and energy of its inhabitants, it is equal, if not superior, to any other given tract of equal extent in the Province.

Hitherto, but a small share of the products of this fine section of country, have found their way to our market, for want of means of transit. A small amount of merchandize may have been supplied by our merchants; but, limited as our commercial intercourse has been with the shores of Lake Erie, it will be seriously affected by the Buffalo and Lake Huron Railway, which will cut us off from much of the business south of the Grand River.

The Directors have the strongest reason to believe, that in less than three years, what is called the Southern Railway, will be completed. This line, as everybody knows, will extend from the Niagara to the Detroit River, and will pass through the very heart of the tract of country referred to. It is almost too obvious to need remark, that when this Southern line shall be completed, the entire commerce of the Southern Counties, with all their numerous towns and villages, and a population of 200,000 souls, will be lost to this City beyond retrieve, unless we put forth great efforts and construct the line from here to Dover, near which a connection will be had with it at a favourable point. With such a