

Dominion. There are six newspapers published within the county, three at Port Hope, two at Bowmanville and one at Millbrook.

The county boasts of a large number of thriving towns and villages, scattered in all directions throughout its length and breadth.

The railroads of the county are the Grand Trunk and the P. H. L. and B., the former of which crosses the county nearly at its southern boundry, and the latter, upon which the inhabitants of the county, and particularly the citizens of Port Hope may point to with pride, as it is one of the best managed roads in the Dominion, and under the able superintendence of Mr. A. T. Williams and assistants, is destined at no distant day to be of the greatest importance to the county, if not to the whole Dominion.

A few years since, the proposition from any man to have built a railroad across the continent, connecting the Atlantic and Pacific Oceans would have been a sufficient reason to have consigned him to a lunatic asylum for life, but as visionary as the scheme looked then, the present success of the Union Pacific Railway has not only demonstrated the practicability of the project, but has also shown to the world that it could not only be built and run but as an investment for paying railway stock it has but few if any rivals in America.

This, combined with the immense growing trade of the Western slope of the Pacific, will call in a few short years for another railway across the continent, and as the Legislative power of the United States will not feel at liberty to grant a charter to a competing line for some years to come, the capitalists of this country and the States will combine, and not only procure a charter but build a Northern Pacific Railway across the continent and through the Dominion of Canada; these being facts that any school boy can see, the next question will be through what portion of the Dominion would it be most practical to build it, and as no route offers less engineering difficulties than a route through the County of Durham, there is no reason why, if the P. H. L. & B. road was pushed on by extension, as it evidently is the aim of its superintendent to do, why it should not form the southern terminus of a Northern Pacific Railway that will be built I firmly believe within the next ten or fifteen years, and I believe, Mr. Williams, with his knowledge of railways, sees this as plainly as I do, and it is now for the inhabitants of Durham to say if at any time this road calls upon them for municipal help, if they are willing or not to second the efforts of a gentleman who, with proper assistance, will do all in his power to make Port Hope the most important railway terminus in the Dominion of Canada. With you Durhamites be the result, and that your decision may be a good one is the hope of a well-wisher for the prosperity of this fair county.