

PROSPECTUS.

COBOURG & PETERBOROUGH. AND MARMORA RAILWAYS.

The Cobourg and Peterborough Railway in Western Canada was constructed in 1853, by Messieurs Zimmerman and Balsh, and connects the towns of Cobourg and Peterborough.

Cobourg is a Town of about 5,000 inhabitants, pleasantly situated on the north shore of Lake Ontario, and on the line of the Grand Trunk Railway. It is 100 miles west of Kingston, and seventy miles east of the city of Toronto. A daily line of steam boats passes between the city of Toronto and Cobourg. A large stream which passes through Cobourg, works the Ontario Woollen Mills, a very extensive Distillery, and several Flouring Mills. Cobourg Harbor is safe and commodious, and the country surrounding the town produces the finest samples of wheat in Canada, and cannot be surpassed for beauty and fertility.

Twenty-eight and a half miles north of Cobourg is situated the town of Peterborough, containing about an equal population with Cobourg. It is situated on the west bank of the Otonabee River. The village of Ashburnham lies opposite, on the east side, being the terminus of the Railway.

Peterborough is the centre of a large tract of cultivated country, and possesses great manufacturing facilities. The water power of the Otonabee is unrivalled, and more than a dozen splendid mill sites still lie unoccupied within the limits of the town. Northward of Peterborough, for many miles, the river presents a series