

of the navigable portion of Grand River. The population of this place is at present about 5,000, and it is situated in the middle of one of the best wheat growing districts in the Province. Water power can be obtained there to almost any extent, and the completion of this road will undoubtedly be the means of bringing the water power into extensive and varied application.

At Dunville and Brantford, and at numerous villages between, there are no less than one hundred and five saws in operation, and twenty-four run of stone, besides several woollen factories. There are also several saw and grist mills in course of erection, and many more in contemplation.

In 1850 there passed down the River 234,000 bushels of wheat, and 25,000 barrels of flour, and also a large amount of gypsum, and various other products. A large quantity of merchandize is annually carried overland to and from Brantford and other places within range of this line.

As an illustration of the extent of the traffic, Brantford alone paid during last year for teaming on the Plank Road to and from Hamilton \$16,000, and in the same year, 600,000 bushels of wheat were brought into Brantford, and it is believed that the quantity for the present year will be upwards of 1,000,000 bushels of wheat,—so rapidly is the surrounding country being settled and brought under cultivation. During the same period 30,000,000 feet of lumber were turned out by the various mills along the river.

These statistics give some idea of the local business that may be expected on the route.

The Eastern Division of the Road terminates at Dupville, and the Western Division at Brantford. The country traversed is exceedingly well adapted to the construction of a Railroad with easy grades, as will be seen by the following table :