

THE

PORT HOPE, LINDSAY, AND BEAVERTON

RAILWAY:

ITS CONDITION AND PROSPECTS, WITH SOME STATISTICS OF THE
SECTION OF COUNTRY INTERSECTED BY IT.

The southern terminus of this Railway is the Town of Port Hope, situated on the north shore of Lake Ontario, midway between Kingston and Hamilton. At this terminus there is now in course of construction, intended to be completed simultaneously with the Railway, a capacious and secure artificial Harbour, which will be not only the best on the north shore of Lake Ontario, between Kingston and Toronto, but will also be the only one entitled to be considered a Harbour of Refuge. At this point the Railway forms a convenient connexion with *The Grand Trunk Railway of Canada*.

The town of Port Hope has been rapidly rising into importance. Within the last four years its population has more than doubled, and is now above five thousand souls. The value of the assessed property of the town has increased twenty-five per cent. the last year, and the rental or annual value now represents an actual value of upwards of *six hundred thousand pounds currency*. The Railway runs from Port Hope in the most favourable direction, namely, in a north-west course, through a tract of country not surpassed in natural resources by