

THE GREAT WESTERN RAILWAY OF CANADA.

Chartered by the Legislature of Canada.

CAPITAL, £1,500,000 CURRENCY,

IN 60,000 SHARES OF £25 CURRENCY, OR £20 11s. STERLING, EACH.

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This important Line of Railway is sanctioned by the Legislature of Canada, which, by various Acts, has granted to it, extensive powers, and the most liberal rights.

These Acts, which limit the responsibility of Shareholders to the amount of their subscriptions, enable the Company to raise a Capital of £1,500,000 currency, in 60,000 Shares of £25 currency, or £20 11s. sterling, each.

The greater portion of the Stock, which has already been taken up, has been subscribed for in Canada,—by private individuals,—the Municipalities of the Counties and Towns, through which the Line passes,—and by parties in the United States, interested in the Lines of Railway, connected with its Eastern and Western Termini.

The limited number of unappropriated Shares, now offered for subscription, may be applied for under the conditions stated in this Prospectus.

The construction of the Line has been commenced, under most favourable arrangements by Contractors of high respectability, and it is expected that the whole Line will be completed within two years.

The length of the Great Western Railway*, is as follows:

MAIN LINE.	— From the City of Hamilton, through the Town of London, to Port Windsor, opposite Detroit, ..	181 miles
EASTERN BRANCH.	— From the City of Hamilton to the Niagara River, ..	12
		226
WESTERN DITTO.	— From the Town of London to Port Simcoe,	49
		275 ..

The whole course of THE GREAT WESTERN RAILWAY lies within the British Territory, and in traversing the most fertile and populous portions of Upper Canada, passes through the Niagara, London, Gore, and other Districts†, containing numerous towns and villages, with a rapidly increasing population.

The importance of such a line for national purposes, as well as for provincial interests, is obvious; and it has ensured the favour and support of the Government of Canada. For, at the same time, that THE GREAT WESTERN RAILWAY forms a direct Trunk Line for the traffic of the principal towns and districts of Canada with one another, and with the Seat of Government; it will be the main channel for the stream of passengers and emigration, which flows from this country, to the Western sections of the Province, by the way of the St. Lawrence.‡

The principal feature, however, of THE GREAT WESTERN RAILWAY OF CANADA, is a HIGHLY BENEFICENT COMMERCIAL ENTERPRISE,—consists in its uniting this character of a main artery for the local and provincial traffic of Canada, with that of a connecting link in the great system of THROUGH COMMUNICATION between the North Western States of America and the Upper Valley of the Mississippi on the one hand, and the cities of New York and Boston and the sea-board of the Atlantic on the other§.

* See the annexed Map, No. 1.

† These Districts comprise the Counties of Halton, Wentworth, Lincoln, Haldimand, Welland, Norfolk, Middlesex, Oxford, Kent, Essex, Lambton, Huron, Perth and Waterloo. Some evidence of the increase of their population will be found in Note A at the end of this Prospectus.

‡ See Sketch, No. II.

§ See Sketch, No. III.