

them, they will rapidly increase, and contribute very materially to the earnings of the Road.

The Town of Joliette, situated upon L'Assomption River, about eleven miles North of the Railway, has a population of over 3,000; and has already become of so much importance, on account of its Water Power, &c., that a Railway has been constructed, for the accommodation of its business, to Lanoraie, on the St. Lawrence, which will become a very important feeder to the North Shore Railway.

The St. Léon Mineral Springs, situated about four miles from the Railway, near the River du Loup, in Maskinonge County, have for many years been a popular summer resort for persons in search of pleasure and health. There are now about two thousand inhabitants in the Village; and two large Hotels are being constructed for the accommodation of visitors.

The continuous, and almost incalculable area of the finest Timber Lands in the World, which bound the Northern limits of the Country above described; and lie within a short distance from the Railway, will, in all probability, and during many years to come, furnish an amount of tonnage for the road, which will prove more productive to the Company than that which is collected in the settled portion of the Country through which the Railway is to pass.

The numerous Streams which flow through and from all parts of these Timber Lands, across the Railway, and into the St. Lawrence, are well supplied with Water Powers; and every facility is therefore afforded for driving the logs, and manufacturing the lumber, either directly upon the line of the Road; or at such points above, as may be selected for their greater economy and convenience. This lumber, when so manufactured will bear transportation by rail, either to the markets of the United States *via* Montreal; or to Quebec, for the markets of Europe, at rates that will prove to be highly remunerative, both to the Railway Company, and to the owners of the Lumber.

The finest qualities of Maple, Birch, and other varieties of Hard Wood, abound in these Forests; and they have, for many years, been regarded as a valuable article of export to Foreign Countries.

These Forests will also furnish an unlimited amount of Fire Wood, which, from its proximity to the Railway; and the great and constantly increasing demand for fuel in the Cities of Quebec, Montreal, and at intermediate points along the line, will bear transportation at very fair paying rates.

Iron Ore, and its great variety of products, will also furnish an important item of transport. The Country along the line, between Quebec and Montreal, abounds, at frequent intervals, with the richest qualities of *Limonite*, or *Bog Ores*; and the reduction of these Ores has been carried on successfully, at several points near the route, for more than a Century.

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