

priations to the distance between Hamilton and Woodstock, and providing for the final location of its western termination, by Engineers to be appointed by the Governor—thus giving it the character of a public road for the promotion of general Provincial interests, and of course expecting its location will be such as will best promote that interest, and attract commerce and intercourse most extensively to her capital and commercial cities.

This is a subject of great importance, and will address the hopes and feelings of many with considerable effect. The location of roads through a vast extent of fertile country, connecting all its population, business and intercourse in the most favorable general arrangement, is one of difficulty and of great importance.

The foregoing details of facts may be thought, by some, to constitute serious impediments to a faithful performance, on my part, of the duties of your Engineer. To me it seems otherwise. It is impossible for the information of an Engineer, on all subjects relative to the topography of the country, in the neighborhood of which his professional labors are engaged; of its population, their wants and wishes; of its means, resources, plans, purposes, improvements, connexions, and means of intercourse, to be too extensive. If he be a man of probity, experience, and skill, the more he has of such information the better; for it will enable him, with greater success, to adapt his services and recommendations to the profit of any work with which he may be charged. The exertions I have been called to make in the Province, have brought me into useful communication with many of her worthy inhabitants, afforded me opportunities of understanding her soil, her timber, her streams, her minerals, her settlements, her agricultural, commercial, and manufacturing facilities, and her actual intercourse and means of prospective advancement, better than I could otherwise have done without much longer inquiry. And I am conscious of very strong convictions in favor of the importance of prosecuting Internal Improvements in the Province, with the greatest vigor, upon a scale so large as to embrace the interests of all.