

Colonel Tisdale evolved and worked out schemes for financing, and he then constructed the Owen Sound branch of the Grand Trunk Railway from Parkhead to Owen Sound, an important extension of the Georgian Bay System, also the Waterloo & Elmira Branch of the Grand Trunk System. He also worked out the financial scheme for and was the principal factor in the construction of the South Norfolk Railway from Simcoe to Port Rowan.

It was Colonel Tisdale's work and influence that brought about the building of the dock at Port Rowan, to which that part of the country was so well entitled.

Colonel Tisdale has for some time past devoted considerable time and energy to a project for the connection of Lake St. Clair with Lake Erie by a ship canal twenty-one feet deep.

Such a canal would greatly facilitate the movements of the commerce of the Great Lakes. It would avoid the difficulties, dangers and delays of the navigation of the Detroit River and the shoals, currents and narrow passages at its entrance into Lake Erie. At the same time the canal would shorten the distance seventy-nine miles each way.

Colonel Tisdale is the President of "The St. Clair & Erie Ship Canal Company," which has been incorporated by the Dominion Parliament for the purpose of constructing this canal. He and his associates have interested English and French capitalists to such an extent that they expect shortly to commence actual work upon this great undertaking and press it rapidly to completion.