

between it and the nearest point on the Grand Trunk Railway, over a route by land and water; while, if entirely land carriage were sought, the distance in an air line, *via* the Carrying Place, to the nearest point of connection, would exceed thirty miles.

Prince Edward County is one of the oldest settled sections of the Province of Ontario, and possesses a rich and fertile soil, long celebrated for its great wheat producing qualities. The assessed value of property amounts to \$7,000,000, with no municipal debt as a counterpoise.

Being almost surrounded with water, possessing nearly an insular character, the traffic to and from this district has been principally by water transport, in the season of navigation, and by ordinary conveyance during the remainder of the year, either over the ice of the Bay of Quinté to the main land, or by the round about way of the Carrying Place, for the six weeks, or two months, autumn and spring, when the ice is unfit for use.

The generally level character of the country, together with its good ordinary roads, has to a certain extent permitted and enabled this state of things to continue for many years, without the difficulty of transport being much appreciated by the inhabitants. Of late, however, the great strides taken by other sections of Canada in opening up the country by railways, to furnish cheap and speedy transport for population and products, has drawn the attention of the inhabitants of Prince Edward County to their own requirements in this direction, and incited a desire to occupy a like advantageous position with their fellow countrymen on the main land. This desire, the natural result of intelligent reflection and consequent appreciation of its great advantages, has ultimated in the decision to construct a railway through the county, to follow such route as will confer the greatest amount of benefit on the largest number of people, and at the same time conduce to the profit of the Company incorporated for its construction.

In view of this result being arrived at, you desire an