

market, and a manufacturing centre. Woodstock, both by its natural location and the progress which it has made, is the natural centre of business for the County. If the lower St. John desires these extensions, and expects the support of the Upper St. John, we are entitled to demand the line to the St. John River at Woodstock as an integral portion of the whole scheme. It is vain to expect that a Road with a terminus seven miles from the River, and much nearer Houlton than Woodstock, can secure the trade of this County. If it is desired, in order to secure the Aroostook trade, to make a branch to Houlton, let it so be ; but we should ask, as an indispensable portion of the scheme, that our County should meet the consideration to which it is entitled in fairness to itself, and which is much less than it would have a right to ask in return for the traffic which it could give to the proposed extensions.

In order to show what the County of Carleton can now do, and of what she is capable, in furnishing traffic for the proposed lines, we present some of the statistics of her resources and production.

Carleton and Victoria occupy a peculiar position on the Map of the Province. They are further from the seaboard than any other portion of New Brunswick. Out of our fourteen Counties, eight,—Charlotte, St. John, Albert, Westmorland, Kent, Northumberland, Gloucester and Restigouche,—border on the sea ; and have all the advantages afforded by their proximity to the great highway of nations. Through four others,—King's, Queen's, Sunbury and York,—runs the St. John River, which, though closed in Winter, is navigable in Summer, throughout all these Counties, as far as Fredericton, for large steamers and for schooners. The tide actually makes to a point five miles above Fredericton. But Carleton and Victoria are far inland—far removed from the facilities of commerce possessed by the seaboard Counties, and to a less, but still very great, extent by the lower River Counties. Were our County far in the rear in industrial and commercial progress, we might well adduce this as a more than sufficient excuse. *They* have at their doors, the highway of the ocean ; *we* can only reach that highway by the bye path of one hundred and fifty miles of a River, the upper portion of which is practically unnavigable for seven or eight months of the year.

Then, in extent Carleton County is insignificant compared to the area of the Province. It covers perhaps seven hundred thousand acres, or about 4.24 per cent of the 16,500,000 acres of the area of New Brunswick.

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