

from Chicago to Sarnia is about the same as from Chicago to Goderich.* The distance from Goderich to Toronto has already been stated at one hundred and twenty miles, making in favour of the proposed route over the present a saving in distance of upwards of two hundred miles. The ordinary time which is now taken by a steamer to go from Sarnia to Buffalo is from seventy-two to eighty-four hours, whereas a traveller by way of Goderich, in the event of the proposed improvement being made, would be able to reach Rochester in twenty hours.

Besides, it is estimated, and your Committee believe correctly, that exclusively of the said Townships set apart for the support of the Clergy, there would be at least 70,000 acres of land at present unsurveyed and ungranted adjoining the said Road, the value of which, even if an ordinary Road were constructed through it, would not be more than 5s. an acre, or £17,500, would be immediately increased in value to £70,000 at least; and the land six miles in depth on either side of such a Road, comprising upwards of 400,000 acres, would be thereby trebled in value, and become densely populated, whereas it is now a perfect wilderness, and likely to remain so for many years to come, unless some efforts are made by the Government and Legislature to bring about the improvement to which your Committee have now called the attention of your honourable House, all of which is respectfully submitted.

* The distance from Chicago to Goderich is 70 miles nearer than from Chicago to Sarnia.