

eign Goods would amount to 2000 tons, on which you would receive £1000. There are forwarding Houses in Boston now making contracts with merchants in Toronto, and elsewhere in Western Canada, to deliver goods direct from England at £5 per ton—or if brought per mail Steamers, as "*Express Goods*," for £8 per ton, to be delivered in Toronto in 16 days from Liverpool.

The heavier articles of Canadian or American manufacture, such as Stoves and other Castings—Iron, Nails, Plaster, Salt, Machinery, Furniture, &c., &c., will form a large source of income, which I venture to put down at £800. From *Imports*, therefore, you should derive a revenue of £3,300, making a gross amount of receipts on "through business" of £12,550.

For the number and capacity of Saw Mills now in operation on the Ottawa and its tributaries, and the number of hands employed in working them, see Appendix D.

Way Business.

The Way-Trade to which your road may look forward, will be one of its chief sources of profit. The demand in the Eastern States for all description of produce for which the soil and climate of this Section of the Country are best adapted, such as Oats, Potatoes, &c., &c., is yearly on the increase. The farming community on and contiguous to the proposed line of Railway, have already sensibly felt the benefits of the market created by the Ogdensburgh Railroad. Appended to this Report you will find a comparative statement (vide Appendix E.) of Entries, from Canada, at the Ogdensburgh Custom House, in the year 1850, and the half year ending 30th June, 1851. The increase there shown is enormous, but does not convey a perfect idea of what this trade has been, because very large quantities of grain and potatoes, owing to the want of facilities—since perfected—for crossing Lake Champlain, at Rouse's Point, were sent round by water to Burlington. I know one trader who shipped 20,000 bushels in this way. The nucleus of a trade has thus been established, which, with Railway conveniences of your own, might be nurtured into one of sufficient magnitude to support