

States, through Buffalo, Oswego, Ogdensburgh, &c., all of which trade is bound eastward to tide water.

For the trade going from the Ottawa Valley, the only route by water is from Ottawa down the River through the Grenville Canal, thence down the Lachine Canal to Montreal; thence down the St. Lawrence to Sorol, thence up the Richelieu River to Chambly, and thence into Lake Champlain by the Chambly Canal of 12 miles. The saving which will be effected by the construction of the Caughnawaga Canal in distance and lockage, for the business of the Ottawa Valley, over this circuitous route, would be 110 miles in distance, and 94 feet of lockage. This is best illustrated by the following certificate:—

OTTAWA, 13th March, 1873.

We the undersigned, manufacturers of lumber, largely engaged in the shipment of the same to the United States, hereby declare that the rate of freight current last season and this, of lumber from Ottawa to Burlington, on Lake Champlain, is \$3.25 per thousand feet.

The route at present from Ottawa into Lake Champlain is through the Grenville and Lachine Canal, into Lake Champlain.

The proposed Caughnawaga Canal, when constructed from the St. Lawrence into Lake Champlain, will open up a route of thirty-two miles in distance from the St. Lawrence at Caughnawaga, instead of ninety miles of river navigation and twenty-one miles of canal navigation by the route at present followed. By this new route there will be a lockage into Lake Champlain of 25 feet, instead of 120 feet as at present.

The undersigned hereby declare that when said Canal is constructed, the saving which thereby will be effected on the cost of transportation will be equal to *one dollar to one dollar and fifty cents* per thousand feet on the rates now current, or on the rates current for the last four years.

We further declare that the saving in time by this new route in transportation will be *six days*, the present route from Montreal to St. Johns being by far the most difficult navigation on the line.

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