

mean temperature is of course slightly lower than in the country immediately south of it bordering on Lake Ontario. The winter, however, is more calm and steady, and the cold is not inconveniently felt. The one great and only drawback to the progress of settlement in the Company's Townships is the want of better access; the representatives of the Town and County of Peterborough, however, are now so fully alive to the importance of securing the growing trade of Dysart and the adjoining Townships, that, in conjunction with the Company's Manager, they are making every effort to secure the completion of the Buckhorn Road, a direct road from the Town of Peterborough, which will shorten the distance to Haliburton by at least 15 miles, and give a more level line, traversing a better section of the country; much of the Townships of Cavendish and Glanmorgan being well adapted for settlement. The co-operation of the Government of Ontario is now confidently reckoned upon.

A charter for the construction of a Wooden Railway from Peterboro' to Haliburton was, through the instrumentality of Mr. Blomfield, ably seconded by Mr. Carnegie, M. P. P., and others, secured in January, 1869, and Wooden Railways, about which little was known in the Province at that time, are now receiving considerable attention, and have recently been favorably reported upon by a select committee of the Legislature as admirably adapted for promoting the rapid settlement of the back country, and for a considerable traffic where a high rate of speed is not of the first importance. They are easily and cheaply constructed from the maple of the country which they traverse. Other charters for Wooden Railroads have been obtained in both Provinces. A wooden Railroad from Quebec to Gosford, a distance of over twenty miles, has already been constructed by Mr. Hulburt, well known for the improvements which he has introduced in these Railroads. The Government of Quebec have granted to these "Colonization Railroads" 3 per cent per annum for 20 years on the total outlay, and the advocates of these Railroads, for the Province of Ontario, not unreasonably supposed that a like aid would be granted by the Legislature of Ontario equally interested in the settlement of their magnificent territory. This however was not secured during the session of 1869-70, and without such aid the Peterborough and Haliburton Railroad cannot be constructed. The project however is by no means abandoned; Government aid is confidentially expected during the ensuing session by members interested in these useful enterprises, and there are other lines from Haliburton giving equally good access to the front where the cost of construction will be less, and the material aid more; the municipality of Dysart is always ready to give a liberal bonus to any Company that will carry a Railroad to Haliburton. Those, therefore, contemplating settling in the Company's Townships need not be deterred on account of the