

as the Agulquac, say sixty-five miles from our starting point in Richmond ; and although he made no attempt to trace it further, he judged that, from the nature of the country, it continued on—how far he had no means of judging. This belt of ore varies in width, but has say an average width of six miles. Of this vast iron region, covering probably 250,000 acres, the present Charcoal Iron Company have under lease from the Crown 5760 acres, or less than one forty third part. The actual mining operations of the late company and the present, have been confined to opening the ground in a number of places, over a surface of less than two acres ; the greatest depth reached in any one place being perhaps 20 feet. Four acres of the same richness in ore would provide one furnace with ore for fifty years. These statements can, we believe, be proved beyond the shadow of a doubt. We believe that all scientific men who have visited this district have expressed but one opinion as to the surpassing richness of our iron mines, and as to the almost inexhaustible means of wealth which Carleton possesses in them. In their developement we need only Railways. And your committee can boldly declare that if the proposed extension served no purpose other than to develop the iron mines of this County the building of it would be the most profitable public work in which New Brunswick could engage.

One of the most important items which Carleton would furnish as freight for the Railway would be small lumber. The capacity of this County and Victoria for the production of this description of goods is enormous ; and while the Railway would produce an immense expansion of the business, the present production is very great. The getting of tamarac and other roots has increased rapidly within a few years. During the present winter the quantities of these which are being got out along the line of the St. Andrew's Railway, and in this County, are enormous. The Railway is lined with them ; they may be counted by acres. Daily we see load after load passing through Woodstock to the Houlton Road Station, brought from the upper country and the East side of the River. The production of this County alone for this winter may be safely estimated at 10,000. An addition has recently been made to our timber business. It is well known that Hard Pine of a large size is brought from the Southern States to St. John for ship building purposes. But a gentleman from Carleton, St. John, has recently engaged a Carleton