

"The advantage of the Trent Route, in point of distance, may be estimated by the following figures :—

From Chicago to New York <i>via</i> Buffalo and Erie Canal.....	1,615 miles.
From Chicago to New York <i>via</i> Welland Canal and Oswego.....	1,638 "
From Chicago to New York <i>via</i> Huron, Nipissing, Ottawa, and Caughnawaga Canal.....	1,358 "
From Chicago to New York <i>via</i> Georgian Bay, Valley of the Trent and Oswego.....	1,232 "
From Chicago to Montreal <i>via</i> Lake Nipissing.....	1,005 "
From Chicago to Montreal <i>via</i> Georgian Bay and Valley of the Trent.....	1,003 "

"It will thus be seen that in point of distance to New York, the Trent Route has the advantage over the Nipissing and Ottawa Route by 126 miles. While between Chicago and Montreal the distance is in favor of the Ottawa route 28 miles; an advantage, however, more than overbalanced by the intricate and difficult navigation of the latter."

But the pages of a work like this are hardly the place wherein to discuss this subject, and the reader is therefore requested to regard the remarks relative to the merits of the different Canal schemes now before the public as parenthetical in their character.

In 1839 the Townships adjacent to Peterborough had attained to sufficient importance to be set apart as a separate District. A Provisional Council was established, and a Court House and a Jail erected under its auspices. It was built on the knoll or mound in the centre of the Town, a beautiful site, and is a substantial and handsome structure. In 1841 the new District was declared under the name of the Colborne District, in honor of the Governor under whose auspices, the Canal survey had been projected and carried out. A new Council was elected, and assembled for the first time in the town of Peterborough in 1841. The Council was composed as follows :—

George A. Hill, WARDEK.

COUNCILLORS :

MONAGHAN.....	Thomas Harper, Esquire.	
SMITH.....	Stephen Nichols,	"
DOURO.....	Smithin D. Gibbs,	"
	Thomas Carr.	"
OTONABEE.....	James Doris,	"
ASPHODEL.....	Richard Birdsall,	"
EMILY.....	Josias L. Hughes,	"
	Wm. Cottingham,	"
OPS.....	Francis Keely,	"
FENELON.....	John Langton,	"
VERULAM & HARVEY.....	Thomas Need,	"
ENNISMORE.....	Daniel Costello,	"
MARIPOSA.....	Samuel Davidson,	"
ELDON.....	Alex. Campbell	"
DUMMER.....	Alex. Kidd,	"

John Darcas, CLERK.

Under its new auspices the District continued to advance with great rapidity. Among the tabular statements will be found abundant attestation of this fact;