
be found either in the Brockville and Ottawa Railway, which first touches the River at Arnprior, or by obliterating the present causes of expense, the Rapids, by canalling.

In glancing over the Maps of this fine Country (the Ottawa,) the mind becomes strongly impressed with what may be its future: with its large mineral resources, as yet but partially developed, but known to be of great extent and value. Unequaled by any Country in the world for its luxuriant growth of Timber, especially of Red and White Pine, having its Grand River with Tributaries surpassing in volume the largest Rivers of Europe, and the advantages of unlimited water power which they do not possess. An extent of Agricultural Country capable, on careful examination, of supporting a population of 8,000,000 of inhabitants. The prospect of a water communication of immense extent which must eventually, with a connecting line of Railway, form a continuous communication between the Atlantic and the Pacific Oceans. Thus bringing to our door not only the immense trade of the Great West, but of products of India, China, Japan and Australia. And as this vast tract must from its capabilities become at no distant period a large Manufacturing Country, too much importance cannot now be placed on the settlement of its numerous Islands and the proper development and the locating of its great water power.

In conclusion, I have to acknowledge the able services rendered me by Mr. Geo. E. Lindsay and Mr. Bruce McConnell, and the other Gentlemen who composed my Staff of Assistants, each of whom I found at all times prompt, careful and attentive to their duties.

I have the honor to be,
Gentlemen,
Your Most Obedient Servant,

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