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THE LAKE CHAMPLAIN CANAL.

R. Dewitt Bloodgood, of New York, has done good service in bringing before the public anew the proposition to cut a ship canal from the St. Lawrence, near Montreal, to Lake Champlain; and thence to enlarge the route leading to New York. This project is no new one, as our readers are aware, its chief promoter, the Hon. John Young, has often enough been laughed at for his Caughnawaga canal ideas, but it is something new to have the enterprise brought so prominently as it now is before the people of New York State, not only in Mr. Bloodgood's pamphlet but also in the Governor's message, and in the leading New York daily newspapers.

The chief opposition to the construction of this canal has hitherto been based on the supposition that it would be antagonistic to the interests of Montreal as a shipping port to Europe, and therefore prejudicial to the interests of the Lower St. Lawrence. Such a view can however hardly prevail now that the true causes of the immense and annually increasing movement of breadstuffs from the West to the East begin to be better understood. It has usually been assumed that the Western States are the granary of Europe; that European demand was that which it was their chief destiny to supply. It has now become evident that this European demand is secondary, and that the wants of the Eastern States are the primary springs of the great current of the Grain Trade across the continent. This is why our grain flows outwards over the border, from Suspension Bridge, Toronto, and elsewhere. Any canal or railroad, then, to command a share of this commerce must be somewhere in the line not only from the Western States, but towards the Eastern. The Grand Trunk Railway would be of comparatively little use if it were not for the Montreal and Champlain, and the St. Lawrence and Atlantic roads. These are the lines along which its vast traffic finds its outlet. And so with the St. Lawrence canals; they will not fulfil their true uses thoroughly until this Lake Champlain canal is built, and dug as wide and deep as they should and will be made. The millions of the New England States raise but little wheat and corn Even New York does not grow enough to feed its people. The demand along the Atlantic shore is therefore constant, and if the Lake Champlain canal were cut, we should see a constant stream of take vessels or of barges passing by our doors with grain to supply it. "By our doors?" we hear objectors exclaim "Then you concede our point." By no means. these vessels and barges never even approach us now. The vessels stop at Buffalo, the barges go up and down the Erie ditch. Every mile the stream of trade apMORLAND, WATSON & CO.,

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worse off han now, when it just comes in sight of our shores at Sarnia, and all but a driblet is lost even to our view at Amherstburg. But Montreal now possesses capital and energy enough to tap the stream, should it ever come so near as Caughnawaga. It is absurd to suppose that, with grain so near our water-power as that, it would not in great part stop with us until we had ground it into flour; and still more so to imagine that as much of it as might from year to year be wanted for Europe or the Lower Provinces, would not be transhipped into sea-going vessels here. So let us complete the St. Lawrence canals, say we, by cutting through a few miles further into Lake Champlain.

There is yet another light in which to look at this projected work, viz., as a part of the Ottawa canal which will some day be constructed. It is, indeed, simply the continuation of that water line. The Georgian Bay end would be of small avail without the Lake Champlain section. Nor are we ever likely to enlist the sympathies or the subscriptions of Western men in favour of the Ottawa canal, unless we can give them in addition to a Canadian route at least an American terminus.

The Georgian Bay Canal.

The Georgian Bay Canal project seems to be looking up. Arrangements have been made at Toronto to test the composition of the ridge through which the deep cut requires to be dug. A steam engine is about to be dispatched to the scene of operations. The Hon. John A. Macdonald has just given its Ottawa rival a push forward. At the luncheon given to him there the other day, he said that; "Just as surely as Ottawa " becomes the capital of British America, just as surely "as the Legislature is settled here and they see this " portion of the country, just so surely will be carried "out that great scheme of connecting Lake Huron "with the Ottawa" That the rapidly increasing trade of the "Great West" will soon require the opening up of one of these channels to the Ocean, admits of no doubt.

Revolution in Tanning.

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