

"Townsend has 7,000 acres of wood and timber land,
 "averaging from forty to fifty cords per acre. After supplying
 "fuel for home consumption, we estimate the actual growth to
 "be equal to one cord for every three and a half acres, per
 "annum, which will be 2,000 cords for market, exclusive of
 "sawed lumber and ship timber.

"The north easterly part of Shirley, the north part of
 "Lunenburg and the west part of Pepperell, together with the
 "towns of Brookline, Mason and Ashby, have an aggregate of
 "wood and timber land, nearly or quite three times as large as
 "that in Townsend, and quite as heavily covered.

"The town of Sharon has now a steam mill that cuts one
 "million feet of sawed lumber annually. This town and Tem-
 "ple, having large quantities of wood land, and being too far
 "from a depot at West Townsend for the transport of wood,
 "will therefore do the coal business that is now done in the
 "towns below them—and this branch of business will furnish
 "at least three thousand tons of transport to the road annually.

"It is a well-known fact that the towns of New Ipswich,
 "Temple, Mason, and Ashby, are rich in agricultural resources,
 "and will supply much tonnage of produce to the road. It is
 "not unfrequent for farms in Mason to grow 1,000 bushels of
 "potatoes each (weighing about $37\frac{1}{2}$ tons), for the starch fac-
 "tory in Wilton, present average prices about twenty-two cents
 "per bushel. This article could be transported to West Towns-
 "end much easier than to their present market, and the aver-
 "age price in Boston is such as to command this business.

"The manufacturing interest in this section is also well
 "known to be somewhat extensive. The present transport of
 "casks of all kinds from Townsend to Boston is \$6,750 annually.
 "Brookline has this branch of business to nearly the same
 "amount of freight, and both of these towns have much unim-
 "proved water power, and great facilities for brick making,
 "much of which is in the immediate line of the contemplated
 "road."

How much unimproved water power have we in Canada?