

a position as to be most accessible through our Town. The boundary line of York is but seven or eight miles from Woodstock, while it is some forty from Fredericton. If you draw a line through the county of York at every point equi-distant from the capital and our Town, you will find that from one third to one-half of the unsettled lands in York, are nearer us than they are to Fredericton. Woodstock is as naturally the market and the centre of business for this portion of York as it is of any part of the County of Carleton itself.

The cost of this branch, say from DeBeek's Mill to the Town, would not be greater per mile than that of the extension westward from St. John. The distance is variously estimated at 7, $7\frac{1}{2}$ and 8 miles.— Taking the latter estimate, at £8,000 per mile; it would add to the cost of the whole work \$256,000. It would pay probably as well as any portion of the proposed extension of the same length, and much better than the average of the whole line. We will only add that to get goods carried between Woodstock and the present station of the St. Andrews Railway on the Houlton Road, seven miles, costs on an average half as much as the freight of them over the eighty-eight miles between that station and St. Andrews. We leave it to the public to infer from this fact the inconvenience and annoyance and expense which are entailed upon the community; and to decide whether this fact itself does not furnish a sufficient justification for the people of Carleton making the building of these seven or eight miles an indispensable part of the scheme.

In submitting this Report your committee must express their regret that the circumstances did not admit of the expenditure of more time in obtaining the information respecting the resources and condition of the County required by the Athenæum. The facts and figures of which the Report is mainly composed had to be hastily collected from a vast variety of sources; and from the necessary haste with which the work has been done, your committee have not been able to make it as elaborate, reliable and satisfactory, as they could have desired. Your committee suggest that though it be now necessary to put it in print in its present form, in order to aid in the accomplishment of a certain purpose, yet to obtain and publish the fullest and most reliable information possible respecting our County is a matter not of temporary but of permanent interest. This Report might be taken as the basis of more searching