

interior navigation, require, in exchanges, remittances, and other communications, frequent intercourse after the close of navigation, in the fall. This is increased by arrangements preparatory to the next season, and the proper closing up of large accounts for the past. The pressure of the very heavy business referred to, during all the season of navigation, leads to deferring to the greater leisure of winter, whatever may as well be done then. From all which, inferences may reasonably be drawn in favor of your undertaking.

The greater the distance to which business is conducted in the interior from the seats of commerce, the more important it is to provide, at all times, the best possible means of communication. If a road north of Lake Erie can be made, requiring but one half the cost of construction and one half the power of traction, and be at the same time shorter than one on the south side, it will naturally be most successful in its competition for business. The greater rapidity of passage, and the certainty of the time for effecting it, with superior safety on such a road, than can be attained in any mode upon the water, will give it advantages, for many purposes, over steam-boat passage on the Lake.

The improvements made and in contemplation, from all the growing settlements on the western waters of Lake Erie, and up the river to Lake Huron, as well as those further south and east, are owing to the calculation of self-interest. Enlightened self-interest, in your Province, may certainly strike out and accomplish analogous plans to connect in such a manner with many of those, as to ensure advantageous returns. They must pass through your Province in all their intercourse with the Atlantic.

There are some general considerations, which may hereafter modify your views so materially as to render it imprudent to overlook them now. Permit me to suggest some of them in this connexion.

The details of this report are exceedingly favorable; and to minds delighting in the contemplation of projects embracing a large circle of useful results, they are calculated to inspire the resolution, that the whole work shall be immediately