

forming one of the most productive Agricultural Districts of the Province.

The entire distance from Ottawa to Toronto by the Line, as examined, will not exceed 225 miles, and may possibly be slightly reduced. Of this, from 100 to 120 miles will be through bush land,—as even through the cultivated portions, the depressions and valleys followed are heavily wooded, and from which material for Ties, Fencing and Telegraph Poles can be obtained in any quantities.

As to the probable Traffic to be derived from the different Stations, I could not obtain very reliable information in passing so rapidly. Circulars, however, have been prepared, and sent by Mr. HUBERTUS to the different points, for this purpose. It is hardly necessary, however, to go into detail, as the character of the Country is such as to warrant not only a large Local but a heavy Through-Traffic;—even the most uninviting portions of the Line have valuable Minerals and Quarries.—unworked—from the difficulties and expense of Transportation,—and those in operation are only half developed from the same cause.

From all the information I could attain, and from my knowledge of the Country, I feel confident that a few years will develop a Traffic on your Road that will tax your abilities to meet,—and before many years, necessitate a Double Track.

If not premature in my suggestion, I would recommend that with the small proportion of Bridging incurred on your Line, that Iron Bridges be adopted. The first-cost would be more than equalized by their durability.

I have great pleasure in stating that your entire Line is one that can be easily built. Most of the material will be found convenient to the point required, and facilities in the shape of public Roads, running into, and close to the Work, at almost any point on the Line, is a fact of consequence to Contractors, in enabling them to get in Supplies,—and will also facilitate the Survey.

In conclusion, I beg to tender my thanks to Mr. HUBERTUS, who not only accompanied me the entire distance, but to whose