

Taking a line from the northern extremity of the Company's block, running to Port St. Francis, there will be found south of this, as fine a district, climate considered, as can be found in any country; all who visit it are delighted, and astonished that it has so long been unknown. The crops this season have been abundant; to my knowledge, forty bushels of wheat have been grown to the acre, and upon old ground. With a sure remunerating market, wheat could be grown to any amount, and for grazing no country can be before this. Millions of sheep ought now to be kept, and I am confident wool will become a staple article here. The States of Vermont and New Hampshire are getting rich with their sheep, why not the Townships also? There is only an imaginary boundary.

Rail roads are now the great hobby here. Petitions are before the legislature for two through the Townships; one from the outlet of Lake Memphranagog to St. John's, to connect with the Champlain and St. Lawrence rail road to Montreal; the other from Stanstead down the lake and river Masawippi to the St. Francis, at Lennoxville, down the latter river as far as Shipton, and across, through Kingsey, Simpson, Wendover, and the Seigniorie of Nicolet to Port St. Francis, the whole distance 115 miles.

Port St. Francis must become a place of much importance eventually, and I see no reason to doubt its rapid growth; being below lake St. Peter, ships may complete their cargoes there as well as at Quebec, and as a lumbering station, it would save the hazardous running of timber to that city.

If some woollen manufacturer, with means, could be induced to come out, and put the factory already erected here into operation, I think he might do well, and get a good return for his capital invested; as no one in this country is possessed of sufficient to carry on such works profitably. Common coarse grey woollens manufactured here, sell readily at from 5s. to 6s. 3d. currency the yard.

I hope another season will bring a good proportion of emigrants into this district; this section of the country needs only to be known to be readily filled up. The settlers already located here will no doubt be able to give such an account of it, as will induce others to follow, for as far as I know, they all find their expectations more than realized.

Emigrants to the Eastern Townships have a decided advantage in point of expense over those going to lake Ontario; the steam boats from Quebec land them at Port St. Francis, in *thirteen or fifteen hours*, at *one dollar* a head, steerage passage; whereas to reach Toronto, (York,) will take *eight days*, at a cost of six

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