

THE JAMES BAY RAILWAY ❁ ❁ ❁ ❁

The people of old Ontario are only beginning to realize the enormous extent and value of northern, or new Ontario, which was secured to the Province by the Ontario Government after many long years of discussion and negotiation, and final decision of the Privy Council in England. One can hardly realize that this vast territory is between three and four times larger than the State of New York, the estimated area being over 150,000 square miles. The agricultural, mineral and timber resources of this region will never be fully known until there is railway communication through this undeveloped territory. Less than 450 miles separates the waters of the Georgian Bay from the shores of that great inland sea, Hudson Bay. A railway connecting these two waters would open up an immense country, the resources of which are as great, if not greater, than those of any equal area in the world. The time seems to have come when the construction of the proposed railway from Lake Ontario via Parry Sound to James Bay should receive every encouragement and support from the people of Ontario. The Province has an enormous asset in the agricultural, mineral and timber lands of new Ontario, and if this asset can be increased in value by the construction of the James Bay railway, the supporting of such an enterprise becomes a paying investment on the part of the Province.

The proposed route from Barrie via Parry Sound, west of Lake Nipissing to the line of the C. P. R., will run through a country similar to that traversed by the G. T. R. to North Bay, having the same agricultural possibilities, but with this great difference—that it crosses two great river systems near their mouth—the Maganetawan and the French river, down which a large quantity of logs come every season.