

lake south of the line. This lake opens some forty miles of navigable communication into a fertile country, and would thus connect it with the railway at this crossing, which would also become a depot for a very productive and large territory.

At the Narrows between Lake Simcoe and Couchiching, which the line crosses to Orillia, the fine and extensive country around both of these lakes can conveniently connect with the road. The difference in level between them is so slight that steam boats and other vessels meet with no obstruction in passing thro' the narrows. Lake Simcoe is one of the most beautiful sheets of water in Canada. Its pleasant, gently sloping shores exhibit luxuriant vegetation. The farming country around it is not excelled by Western New York. This rich agricultural section being thus accessible to the road by navigable water communication, must concentrate at this point a large amount of produce for export, and also for consumption a large amount of imported supplies.

It will be seen by looking at the Map, that the ranges of lakes both sides of this railway so conveniently connecting with it, have no navigable communication with Lake Ontario. Here then, is a broad interior section, which will be wholly dependent on the road for an outlet. It being thus beyond the reach of successful competition, ensures to it a vast local business.

BRANCH RAILWAYS.

The route is favorable to branch railways connecting with it, both sides of the line. Such connections