

channels of intercourse from all her most important positions to your borders. In her train, New England on the east, and Pennsylvania and Ohio on the south, have followed with energetic emulation. And the new states of Michigan, Indiana and Illinois, with the territory of Wisconsin, all increasing as by enchantment, are pursuing a policy which cannot fail to connect the south-west and west with your Provincial improvements by numerous and profitable reciprocations of business and intercourse.

If we explore a little more minutely the nearest sections of this vast field of republican enterprise, we see Rail Roads projected, and some of them in the course of construction, from the principal points of business lying between Sandusky Bay and the outlet of Lake Huron, across the States of Ohio and Michigan, to the interior and Lake of that name, and connected with similar projects, some of which extend to the mouth of the Mississippi, and others to the far west. It is true, these avenues will not all, as a matter of necessity, send the throngs with which they will in future be peopled, to pass along the southern part of your Province. But with reasonable efforts, and judicious arrangements, an invitation may be extended to them which will infallibly call many of them into that course which should come under the observation of the Engineer in the plans and suggestions he has to offer. Extensive business from all the regions westerly and south-westerly from you will always be maintained with New England, and the city of New York, the great metropolis of the Union. Your road will most conveniently favor much of the travel growing out of this business, at all times, after it shall be completed. During portions of every year, it will favor more of it. It will be shorter and cheaper than any road which can be constructed through Ohio, to the roads leading to New York or further east. It is now ascertained by experience, that locomotives may be well employed, in the winter, on Rail Roads, notwithstanding the severe frosts and deep snows of that season. This will call for extended use of your road, while navigation is impracticable. The exigencies of extensive commercial transactions, along the immense line of