

ed within my recollection, from the Gananoque to the Trent. At present the wealthy and thriving farmers of the Bay of Quinte find their smiling and luxuriant country studded with rising villages, and are enabled to exchange the produce of their fields for merchandise almost at their own doors. Few of them, (comparatively speaking) now feel it requisite to resort to Kingston, notwithstanding the extraordinary facilities of loco-motion, which the introduction of the steam engine has afforded to the navigation of the Bay of Quinte; and the trade of the town has been thus circumscribed and restricted to a narrow space. The slow progress of settlement in the rear of Kingston has been owing no less to the aspect of the country, which is in many parts rough and uninviting, than to the superior attractions of some sections in the Western Districts, to which the annual swarms of British emigrants direct their unswerving course. Nevertheless, there is much more good land in the interior parts of the County of Frontenac, than it has been generally asserted there was, and it would speedily be occupied by industrious settlers, if a proper highway were once opened in a direct north westerly direction from Kingston, some forty or fifty miles into the interior. The benefits to be derived from this measure, which I shall not here dwell upon, would be desirable so far as they would go; but they would necessarily be limit-