

rapidly and progressively than on the Lake Shore, for the three following most palpable reasons:—1st. It is well known that considerable tracts of land skirting the Lake in Bruce are unsettled, and must continue to be so on account of the barren nature of the soil. 2nd. All the streams which afford privileges for manufacturing purposes to any important extent, lie towards the centre and East of the County, and 3rd. It is well understood that any Railroad that may be formed will run inland, not only for the general service of Bruce, but also in order to draw as much trade as possible from Grey.

Again it is contended that a point to the North of Paisley and on the coast will be more central, in view of the extension of the County to the extreme Northern limit of the Indian Peninsula. In reply to this it is only necessary to remark, that it is well known that all the Townships to the North of Amabel are entirely uninhabited, and must continue to be so, on account of the absolute barrenness of the soil. It is likewise argued, that a point either towards the Northern or Southern extremity of the County ought now to be chosen, as this County being too large must ultimately be divided. Finally, in reply to this it is answered, that it is with the present the inhabitants of the County have to do, and that they have spoken out most unmistakably against such an idea, and have refused to countenance such suicidal policy, to gratify certain localities in whose favor no better argument can be advanced.

For all the above reasons, to which may be added, the great natural beauty of Paisley, at the confluence of the Rivers Saucageen and Teeswater—the high, dry, and undulating character of the ground, all conducive to health—it is respectfully submitted to your Excellency and Council, that the selection of Paisley as County Town would confer the greatest amount of advantage on the greatest number of the inhabitants of the County of Bruce.