

That it will accommodate the trade and travel of Minnesota are inferred from the fact, that it will offer to that trade and travel a transit to and from the Eastern Cities from three to five days' quicker than any other route.

The plan by which these objects are to be accomplished is this :—The Government of the United States now offer for sale in the above tracts, 1,700,000 acres of land lying within six miles of the line of the proposed Road, at one dollar and twenty-five cents per acre. It is proposed to buy from 800,000 to 1,000,000 acres of the best of that land, to hypothecate those lands and the Road as security for the money necessary to build the Road.

The security will be ample to secure the loan—the Road constructed, the land will sell for much more than enough to pay off the loan.

Thus the investment of a sum not exceeding £30,000 tenders the following as the aggregate of results :—1st. It will pay for the construction of a Railway connecting Minnesota with the best harbour on Lake Michigan, which will command the trade and travel to and from Minnesota all the year.

2ndly. It will command the trade for twelve months. and the travel for from seven to eight months, from the head of Green Bay to the head of Georgian Bay, a distance of 400 miles of continuous steamboat navigation.

A connection between that Road and the Northern Road from Toronto, presents the additional advantage of doubling the value of the stock in that Road, because it secures to that Road all the Minnesota trade and all the summer travel ; while, to the citizens of Toronto, it presents the additional inducement of opening to that City the trade of Northern Wisconsin, of Minnesota, and of all that may hereafter exist to the west of Minnesota, and which cannot be secured by any other route. A reference to maps, and a careful examination of distances, will establish each of these propositions conclusively.

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