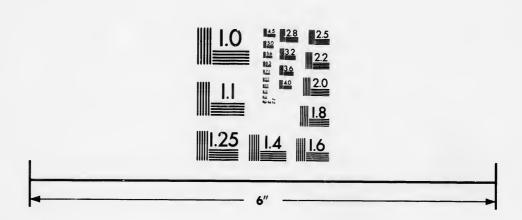
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The power of converting these bonds into stock may therefore become a very valuable privilege.

This will be obvious from the following considerations :-

The Great Western Railway of Canada extends from the Niagara River, to Windsor, opposite Detroit, in the State of Michigan. Including a branch of 49 miles to Port Sarnia on Lake Huron,—its whole length is 275 miles. It forms a direct Trunk Line for the traffic of the principal towns and districts of Canada, with one another, and with the Seat of Government; and it will be the main channel, for the stream of passengers and emigration, which flows from this country to the Western Sections of the Province by way of the St. Lawrence.

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The vicinity of the Niagara River, at the terminus of the Eastern branch of the Great Western Railway of Canada, is the focus of the various communications by which the traffic of the interior is conveyed to the Atlantic; and Detroit, opposite Port Windsor, the Western terminus of the main lines, is, in like manner, the focus of the extensive Railway and Land communications of the North Western States, including Michigan, Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Wisconsin, and the upper part of Ohio.

The traffic between Detroit and the State of New York is at present carried on entirely by the circuitons and dangerous navigation of Lake Eric, which is closed during half the year.

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