

PROGRESS OF THE RAILWAYS — It is satisfactory to note that the Railway works in our town and vicinity, and, indeed, all along the line between Sarnia and Komoka, are progressing favorably. The excavation along the bank of the river, and onward, is going on rapidly; and will soon be completed to the limits of the town; while at the same time the erection of the Depot buildings is also being proceeded with. The foundation of the Passenger Depot, which is of substantial stone masonry, is already completed, and the brick superstructure which is to be thereon erected, is begun, the intention being to have the whole finished this fall. A great portion of the line is graded, and the whole will soon be ready to receive the ties and rails; and we understand it is the intention of the contractors to have the road in running order, immediately after the advent of A. D. 1857. The transition to us Lambtonians, from our comparatively isolated position from the eastern world, except by the circuitous route of Detroit, Windsor, and London, to that of being within two hours travel of London, will certainly be very satisfactory. And there can be no doubt, moreover, that many of our neighbors in the middle and upper parts of Michigan will also avail themselves of this short route to the east, instead of going round by Detroit, and thence eastward along the G. W. R. R., as at present, — the saving of distance from this port, or Port Huron, by the Sarnia and London branch, being about 110 miles, — and of time, nearly a day; not to speak of the saving of expense, which also must be considerable. Altogether, we feel as if we were near the commencement of a new era in our history, which will only be the more marked, when our neighbors get their line completed between Port Huron, to Corunna or Owasso, where it is proposed to connect it with the Detroit and Milwaukee road. Then the eastern travel of Northern Wisconsin will also add to the traffic; so that there is little reason to doubt that ultimately a profitable and stirring business will be done on the London and Sarnia branch of the G. W. Railway.

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