

proach that government with a view to induce its embarkation in a public work, it is not with a view to the amount to be realized as revenue, but to develop the resources of the State. He thought this State would never enter into a public work again, unless with expectation of the entire loss of the amount invested, but with a view to the great public interests which would be subserved thereby. Had not this canal developed the resources? Had we not mineral wealth untold in Allegany?

There does not exist upon earth a line of canal 186 miles long, possessing as many locks and culverts as this canal. Many of the locks of canals are built of composite, but every lock and culvert in this canal is built of cut stone, and would never need repair. He claimed to know something of canals, and when his friend from Allegany had said the capacity of the canal was 1,500,000 tons of coal, he had then suspended his judgment until he had examined the figures, and had ascertained a clear capacity of 1,500,000 tons in its present condition. But this is not all; the capacity of the canal can be doubled by increasing, longitudinally, the length of the locks, and the capacity can be again augmented by increasing the depth of the canal.

Having all these advantages, the question is, why is it that it had not been as productive to the stockholders, and as active in developing the resources of the country, as was expected? The reason is apparent; it is in its management—it has been used to further political ends. He did not mean to advocate the giving of it to bondholders or stockholders, or any one else, but the State must associate with it private interests if it entertained any hope of ever making it profitable.

Mr. D. then gave an interesting account of how canals should be managed, and the difficulties to contend with.

In the canals with which he had experience it had been deemed essential that the superintendent should be familiar with his duties by reason of long service, and that the boss of each division should know every creek and rivulet. Stability of management was the great essential. The toll sheets should be changed as the occasion made it necessary. The president and directors should have