

4 whose foresight and wisdom will without doubt administer to it ample justice. Desirous as I am that the people of Maine should realize the benefits, which their location and resources are susceptible of affording, I shall most cheerfully aid whatever policy may be adopted by the Legislature intended to effect so desirable a result.

In this connection, it affords me pleasure to say, that the route for a Rail Road from Belfast in this State to the Canada line, has been accurately surveyed by a skillful and experienced Engineer. His Report upon the subject is herewith submitted, and cannot fail to attract your particular consideration.

The sales of the public Lands during the past year have been quite limited. A recurrence to the Report of the Land Agent, which is herewith laid before you will exhibit the present condition of that Department.

The Geological Survey of the State, for the purpose of ascertaining the nature, position and value of the various rocks, minerals and soils to be found therein, has been commenced the past season under the direction of Dr Charles F. Jackson, a gentleman eminently qualified by his devotion to Geological pursuits and his untiring industry and perseverance, for the important service, with which he has been entrusted. His Report will be submitted for your consideration at an early day, and I cannot but express the hope, that an examination of its contents will awaken a new zeal in the prosecution of this survey, and induce you to give to it a liberal encouragement.

The annual Report of the Adjutant General is herewith communicated. By this Report it will be seen, that the numerical force of the militia of the State is forty-two thousand four hundred and sixty-eight men, being an increase from the last return