

Williamsport Water Works.

We are informed that the citizens of the thriving borough of Williamsport, Pa., have made arrangements with Mr. H. P. M. Birkinbine, Hydraulic Engineer of this city, for the erection of Water Works for the supply of their town. It is to be one of the most complete and perfect works in the State, bringing an abundant supply of the purest water from a streamlet running through a ravine amongst the hills on the opposite side of the Susquehanna river. About a mile above the mouth of the stream, and at a head of over one hundred feet above the town, a large dam is to be constructed, forming a store reservoir of sufficient capacity to compensate entirely to the mill properties below, for the water used by the town in times of drought or low water. By the large storage capacity of this reservoir, a more regular supply of water is also given to the mills.

A reservoir 100 feet square, in which the pure water of the stream is carefully collected and stored, is built within the large Dam. An 8 inch main leads from this inner reservoir into the town, passing under the bed of the Susquehanna river, which is here about 1000 feet wide.

Fire plugs are to be erected through the town, on each square of the principal streets, forming an ample protection to property in case of fire. The Town Council, with laudable promptness, have subscribed liberally to the stock of the Water Company, showing a true appreciation of the value of the improvement to the borough, and at the same time investing the public money where good dividends cannot fail to be realized.