

can best promote the internal communications, and develop the resources of our native land.

The time has come, when the great American and colonial route of travelling must commence or terminate at Halifax. On the importance of this to Nova Scotia, it is unnecessary for me to expatiate, as it speaks for itself in a language too plain and intelligible to be misunderstood; but these advantages we can neither fully enjoy, nor long retain, without a "*Rail Road*" from Halifax to Windsor. It is now no longer a matter of doubt or of choice; circumstances have forced it upon us. We owe it to the liberality of the British Government to make all those arrangements that shall give full effect to the noble scale upon which they have undertaken the Atlantic steam navigation; we owe it to New Brunswick and Canada to complete our portion of the great intercolonial line; and above all, we owe it to ourselves not to be behind every other country in appreciating and adopting those great improvements which distinguish the present age.

And now, gentle reader, it is time for me to make my bow, as well as my sea legs will allow me, and retire. In doing so, permit me to express a wish that your voyage of life may be the very opposite of that of a steamer in point of duration, and resemble it, as nearly as possible, in the one great essential,—namely, in making the best use of your time.

I have the honour to be, your most obedient servant,

THE AUTHOR.

THE END.