

establish a proper form of government; that it should plant settlements between Red River and Canada—for instance, at Rainy River; and that it should form a colony in the Saskatchewan Valley, and thus connect British Columbia with this line of settlements (of increased importance, as it is now petitioning for union with the United States), and open the overland route on British soil. I read in Cassell's "Illustrated Travels" for this month that by the Pacific Railroad a merchant came across the continent of North America, from ocean to ocean, in six days, seventeen hours, and twenty-three minutes,* and a report of a meeting of the Royal Colonial Society, registered in this day's paper, adds further confirmation to the facilities which exist for such a road across from Upper Canada to Red River, and thence to the Valley of the Saskatchewan and British Columbia.

I have the honour to be, my Lord,

Your Lordship's most obedient and humble servant,

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* Distance—3,300 miles.