

one city is intended to include Staten Island, and no contribution to the united cities will have a promise greater, a degree of usefulness higher, or attractions more complete, than this section of the city down the bay. Then may be fulfilled a remarkable prediction by Courtlandt Parker, the eminent counselor of New Jersey, who, when he was sought to be retained to aid the legislation for the Arthur Kill Bridge, turned upon the writer of these lines and said: "Sir, I want to look upon the man that has the courage to undertake a work so great, that will not only seriously impair the Riparian Rights of New Jersey, on which her Common School system is based, but will transfer the commerce of New York itself to Staten Island. For where there is a union of rail and water communication, impossible to New York, the commerce will go. Once your bridge is completed, a movement will be set in motion that will eventually result in the transference of trunk lines and tonnage to the point of union, which, in the harbor of New York, can only be on Staten Island. I cannot accept your retainer; all the interests of my people are in an opposite direction, and I will fight you to the death to prevent the building of your bridge." And fight he did, with all Jersey behind him; but to no avail.

The bridge is built, a great traffic throbs and pulsates over it, and aside from large residential growth, and manufacturing progress, the growth of a commerce along the ten miles of water front thus rendered accessible is being created, the eventual extent of which no man can tell. By the changed economic conditions now to prevail, by which the outer world will be sought for trade, and by doubling the area of the internal commerce so as to include the whole continent, in which great work the writer has not been idle, the future destiny of the harbor of New York is more assured than that of any other point of contact in the wide world.

An impress of one's active life on the community in which he resides, for its great and lasting benefit, in a locality so