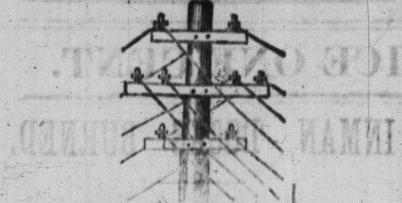


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THE GLOBE AND MONOPOLY.

Yesterday the Globe rejoiced that there was a prospect of the syndicate losing control of the St. Lawrence railway from Prescott to Ottawa. Is the Globe really in earnest in opposition to monopoly? If it is, what has it to say to monopoly in western Ontario? Or is it only opposed to monopoly when the Grand Trunk's interests run that way?

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