

## ARTICLE IV.

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### The Canadian Pacific Railway and the Eastern Provinces.

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The conclusions we have come to, after a careful consideration of the issues raised by General Hewson, in his pamphlet, and lectures before the Literary and Historical Society and Board of Trade of this city, with reference to our National Railway, may be summed up as follows:—That a cardinal error has been committed in the location of the road, and in the style of construction adopted—that the Cabinets of the day are guided by no fixed principles in its construction—that the time has arrived to recast our whole policy in reference thereto—and finally, that with the Eastern Provinces more immediately rests the duty of formulating and of improving this policy.

In years gone bye the great ends to be worked out by this trunk line were heralded forth in glowing terms in Parliament, in the Press, and before the people; the creation of an Imperial military road across the Continent, entirely through British territory; the opening up of our immense back country between the Atlantic and the Pacific; the gradual moulding of the various Provinces of the Dominion into a strong and united people.

It was with many misgivings, after much hesitation, and only upon repeated assurances, that the works would be carried on without the imposition of additional taxation, that the people finally gave their assent to the project.

What are the results before us to-day?