

REPORT.

In order to gratify in some measure the desire of the public, and to arouse yet more and more, the awakened attention of the inhabitants of the Provinces generally, to the highly important work in which they are engaged, the Provisional Committee of the Halifax and Quebec Railway, at Halifax, are induced to submit a Map of the proposed line, enlarged from the Map lately published in London; together with such information on the subject, generally, as they have been thus far enabled to collect.

It will be manifest to every one, that for the Committee to attempt to enter into minute detail on one or other of the many points that the vast subject embraces, at this early stage of the proceedings, would be absurd;—their endeavour, at present, is merely to give their general views; so as to engage the sympathy and earnest aid of all, to help forward this magnificent project; for it is abundantly evident from all the Committee have been enabled to learn, that neither the British capitalist, nor the Parent Government are disposed to proceed one step in the actual work, without the combined and energetic efforts of the Colonists, evidenced in such a manner, as will leave no doubt of their sympathy and eager co-operation, to the full extent of their united and individual capability. With these few preliminary remarks, the Committee propose, briefly, to review the project of the Halifax and Quebec Railway,—and first, as a National benefit.

It is well known that the Parent Government have long desired the means of a safe and quick conveyance through their North American Provinces; and with this view, earnest solicitation to the Provincial Legislature has, from time to time, been made for its co-operation. At length the establishment of a proper Military Road, was resolved upon by the Government, and the necessary Surveys have been made. The Halifax and Quebec Railway will accomplish in the most efficient manner, this desired object. Passing, as it will be perceived it does, on reference to the proposed line on the map, through the heart of the Lower Provinces, it offers the most expeditious conveyance possible for troops—munitions of war and the mails, in perfect security from the danger of interruption and surprise incident to the transport near an enemy's border; and not only in this light may it be regarded as of National importance, for it will, also, afford the means of immediately establishing an Electric Telegraph, by which the orders conveyed from London to Halifax in ten days, may