

lately been associated, has contributed most to the success of that mighty enterprise which has conferred such distinction on this year of grace. Full well I know that he will indicate, the man* whose name stands foremost on the roll of that Association, which I hope and believe, if we understand our true interests is destined to confer great benefits upon these North American Provinces.

Not having the advantage of any constituency to whom I can appeal, I claim the privilege of addressing myself to the whole body of my fellow countrymen. That our railroads, not only the trunk, but the branches also, will speedily be undertaken I firmly believe, and all the more speedily if party jealousies and influences could be for a time suspended. For my own part I have every motive and cue for action and will not relax an effort whilst I have ability to move in so good a cause.

I have the honour to be,

Your very obedient Servant.

C. D. ARCHIBALD.

Halifax, Sept. 9, 1851.

P. S.—The annexed letters, which were procured through my instrumentality, will shew that I did not look on with folded arms whilst Mr. Howe was labouring with might and main in the cause of Nova Scotia and British North America.

COMMERCIAL BANK, LONDON,

Lothbury, 2nd April, 1851.

Dear Sir,—In reply to your letter of the 19th ult., I am requested to state that the Commercial Bank of London, will be glad to open an account with the Province of Nova Scotia, and to transact all the financial and banking business of the Colony in England, on the most liberal terms. So soon as the Province shall be in a position to issue debentures or other securities for the purpose of providing funds for the execution of the contemplated public works, the Bank will be prepared to negotiate the sale of such Bonds or other securities and to make advances upon them, from time to time as occasion may require. Leaving the details for future arrangement, I may now mention that upon debentures or securities, in which the credit of the Province is alone involved, the rate of interest would, probably, not be less than five per cent; but where such securities shall have the additional guarantee of the Imperial Government, the rate of interest, will not, under ordinary circumstances, exceed four per cent per annum. On all sales of securities the Bank will credit the Province, the full amount of any premium that may be obtained beyond the par value. The Bank's commission will be 5s. (five shillings) per cent upon the account.

*S. M. Peto, Esq., M. P. for Norwich.

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