

we expect the highest advantages, is quite of another kind, namely a *physical union*—one which shall be effected by iron rails.

The time has, at length, come when we may confidently expect the execution of the long discussed Intercolonial Railway. Does the reader ask why we so confidently predict such an event? We answer, because it must now be fully known to Britain that her possessions in North America are destined to be her *right arm*, whether in war or in peace. Well does she now know that in war, should dire necessity again evoke that gory demon, and demand that the flashing sword be once more bathed in human blood, that this same right arm shall strike down her foes and ours; and that in peace, while that beauteous angel shall hover over us, it shall pour the rich treasures of commerce into the maternal lap; hence the necessity of the most perfect facilities for the conveyance of troops and munitions of war, in the one event, and of the teeming resources with which each and all these colonies abound in the other. Our hopes, then, are firmly grounded on the fact, that in this great enterprise, *the interest of Britain is identified with our own, and that she, at length, knows it.*

The time is at hand when this railway union *must be executed*, and the effect of it will be to start these provinces swiftly forward on the mighty march of improvement. What position, let us enquire, will Nova Scotia hold in the great confederation?

First her commanding geographical position will secure to her the advantage of becoming "the highway of nations." The trade and travel from the old world to the whole of N. America, and *vice versa* must, to a great extent, be directed through this province. The position which we occupy, as well as the rich and varied resources which we possess, must secure to us a large population of enterprising inhabitants, who will draw upon these resources, and bring them into the markets of the world, in every conceivable variety, and in the richest profusion.

When Nova Scotia then, shall be both politically and physically united to her fair sisters; when an intelligent and active population shall draw freely upon her resources of every kind, when the remaining forests which stand upon our soil shall be swept down, and converted to purposes of utility; when manufacturing and commercial towns shall cover the face of the country; when the developing, forming and moulding hand of science shall bring out the teeming wealth which nature has conferred upon us, and apply it to the great practical purposes of life; when far over and beyond all, the people shall fully learn the great lesson that "righteousness exalteth a nation," *and act accordingly*: then, indeed shall this beauteous land rise to her rightful position, and stand prominently forth to the astonished gaze of an admiring world, as the brightest jewel in the diadem of that illustrious nation, whose flag is ever bathed in the light of an unsetting sun.

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