

must be very large interests and profits, which ought to attract the attention of those who are ever ready to favour public enterprises, and so contribute to the maintainance and amelioration of our credit, without however losing sight of their own private interests.

The time has come for the City of Quebec and all the North Shore to Montreal, and further up, to show that they duly appreciate the advantages to be derived from the proposed railroad. This enterprise is a national one. The railway will go through the heart of the country, bring together its two most important cities, and spread a new spirit of activity amongst the numerous and industrious population of the north shore. It will bring across our territory the immense traffic of the far west, which is naturally ours.

We would not crawl painfully to our frontiers in order to afford to our neighbors the facility, in the shape of a railway, of drawing from us the best of our commerce and of our substance. Our railroad must be altogether among us and for us. And when our commercial affairs will call us to the States, the North Shore Railroad will put us at Montreal in communication with railways, that will convey us to Boston or New York in 12 or 15 hours. Could any one expect or find a more rapid route ?

Your Committee believe, therefore, that they can appeal with confidence to the public on behalf of this enterprise, and demand their cordial support. That appeal will not remain without a proper answer. Any man who has at heart the prosperity of Quebec, the prosperity of the North Shore to Montreal, the prosperity of the country at large, will come forward and take as large an amount of stock as his means will allow. Any man who has landed property in the city of Quebec, or on the north shore of the St. Lawrence, should aid in the success of this enterprise, unless he finds that the additional value to accrue to property from the proposed railroad ought to be overlooked.

No one can plead want of means, when the low rate of shares (\$25) is taken into consideration ; for, where is the citizen that cannot afford to pay that amount in four years, which will be the period of the last instalment ?