

of large tonnage, loading with deal for European ports ; the deals are made in the interior, and brought down to the water's edge, are floated off to the vessels waiting to receive them. The New Brunswick Railroad runs down the wharf to within a few feet of the stream, and the passenger has only to step from the boat to the train now ready to start for the city of St. John. Before leaving the good and staunch steamer that has carried us from Pictou to the present landing place, I must not forget the kindness of the gentlemanly captain, or the indefatigable exertions of the energetic steward to ensure the comfort of his passengers while on board. No one who goes by Halifax should think of returning to either St. John or Portland by any route but by this ; the journey by rail and boat is as pleasant as could be desired, with the advantage of a visit to Prince Edward Island, and a sight of its beautiful harbour and scenery.

We are now on the New Brunswick Railway, and a smoother or better built line cannot be found in the Dominion ; the cars are well finished and commodious, and the rate of travel, as contrasted with many Canadian lines of the same length, very fast. Space will not permit an extended description of the fine scenery witnessed or the many pretty little stations passed, which might furnish material for many more letters, but the attention of the traveller cannot but be attracted by the lovely scenery as the train rushes through the verdant Sussex Valley. Nine miles from St. John is the lovely village of Rothesay, containing many beautiful villas, the summer retreats of the merchants of St. John. A little while longer, and ahead are seen the steeples and buildings of the city of St. John ; the whistle shrieks and the train runs into the well-built station, the terminus of the New Brunswick Railway. Hailing a cab, we shortly arrive at the Waverley House, where dinner is awaiting, and as the morning's journey has been productive of an appetite that might well be the envy of a dyspeptic, the curtain must drop until the substantial fare of the Waverley House has been discussed.