

INTER-COLONIAL RAILWAY.

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No. 27—Miscella.

*Government House, Halifax,
4th April, 1861.*

MY LORD DUKE,—

I have the honor to enclose a joint Address to Her Majesty, passed by the Legislative Council and House of Assembly of Nova Scotia, on the subject of the Inter-Colonial Railroad.

The question is one of the most vital importance to the interests of this Province, but it is one which has so frequently been brought under the notice of the Imperial Government, that it is hardly necessary for me to add any arguments in its favor.

Information was received from England by last mail, that a strong feeling was getting up there in favour of the proposed line from Halifax to Quebec, and that petitions were preparing for presentation to Parliament. Stimulated by this information, the Legislature of this Province have lost no time in preparing this Address to Her Majesty, in order to assure Her Majesty that their anxiety for the completion of the Inter-Colonial line is unabated.

Your Lordship is aware that since this question was first raised, a line from Halifax to Truro has been completed by the Government of this Colony; but the resources of this Province are at present unable to bear the expense of carrying on the line to the borders of New Brunswick, a distance of about 60 miles, without external aid given either by the Imperial Government, or by a Company taking the line into their own hands.

Should your Lordship, taking into consideration the great national importance of this line of communication between the North American Provinces, be enabled to advise Her Majesty to entertain this subject, my Government, on the part of this Province, will be prepared either to appoint a delegation to wait on your Lordship in England, or to give their most careful and willing consideration to any scheme which has for its object the completion of this great work.

I have, &c.

(Signed.)

MULGRAVE.

His Grace

THE DUKE OF NEWCASTLE, &c. &c. &c.

Nova Scotia.—No. 85.

*Downing Street,
5th May, 1861.*

MY LORD,—

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your Lordship's despatch, No. 27, of the 4th of April, enclosing a joint Address to the Queen from the Legislative Council and House of Assembly of Nova Scotia, soliciting Imperial aid towards the completion of the Railway between Halifax and Quebec.