

incitement to the expenditure of skill and capital upon his soil. But open to him the markets of the Province, the United States and the West Indies, and the effect upon production, both in kind, and quantity, would be marvellous. Our fields and mines and forests have but to be called upon in order to make a response in production that would build up the county at Railway speed.

It is not so much higher prices that our farmers need as a regular, ready and always open cash market. This has been the chief want—and the great and crying necessity. That want has chilled our energies—has dampened enterprise—has checked production. Give us an opening!—is our cry; in some direction; in any direction. If our own sea ports will not aid us in finding an opening for our surplus production and for our trade, we must search for it elsewhere. If we cannot have it by way of St. John, we will be driven to look for it by way of Bangor. Carleton desires the prosperity of St. John, and of every portion of the Province; the people of Carleton would prefer to have such a Railway communication as would enable them to make St. John their medium of communication with the world, because while their own ends would be accomplished they would assist in building up our own Province, rather than the cities of a foreign State. But our people cannot but feel, and do keenly feel, that very little has ever been done to supply our great want; that five millions of dollars have been spent to build a Railway coast wise from St. John to Shediac, to the disadvantage of our agriculturists; while upon our only highway to the sea, the St. John River, we have been grudged the few thousand pounds that have been expended. That Carleton and Victoria, with their immense resources, and their great production, could do more towards building up St. John than three or four coast Railways we fully believe. Last year the Province imported to the value of 1,900,000 dollars of agricultural produce. With proper Railway communication Carleton and Victoria could from their surplus supply this want, and that at a cheaper rate than St. John now buys. And it must be recollected that while Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island, whence a large proportion of these exports come, take mainly in exchange money, Carleton and Victoria, dealing with St. John, would expend in that City almost the whole of the amount received for their farm stuffs sold there. We should supply the St. John markets at lower prices than those which at present rule in them; and we should leave in St. John the very money with which we were