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E. H. DERBY AND THE GRAND TRUNK.

R. DERBY, of Boston, has written three letters M. DERBI, of Dormal, has without said to Herapath's Journal, in the first of which he recounts that "having for the last thirty years been " connected with railways as director or counsel, and "having recently served on two commissions from " our Government on the colonial trade and fish-" eries," he resolved to pay Canada a visit, and ascertain for himself the condition of her chief railway, and the possibility of making a better connection with Montreal, and the views of Canadian merchants on the subject of reciprocity. Rather singularly, considering the absurd object of his journey, Mr. Derby avoids the route which would take him over that section of the Grand Trunk from Portland to Montreal, chooses the nearer way over the Vermont Central. His first impressions of the track of the Grand Trunk are unfavourable, although he finds it well graded and ballasted; but he describes the rails as bruised, battered, and indented, requiring renewal, their condition fatal to speed and hazardous to equipage. He does not like the Montreal depot, but its dimensions, small enough and unsuitable enough for this city, he dwarfs much below the truth. It is to be hoped his other statements are more in accordance with actual facts.

Mr. Derby being introduced to a dozen of the leading merchants, presidents and members of the Board of Trade and Corn exchange, produce merchants and agents for ships and steamers, regrets to find a feeling of despondency as to the Grand Trunk line. Commercial public opinion he thus reports :- " With great "unanimity they pronounce it a commercial failure, "from which they are to have little benefit. Few " or none of them hold stock or bonds, and all pro-" nounce it a mere political engine. They describe "its manager, Mr. Brydges, as a man wielding im-" mense power, second only to the Governor-General. "They concede him to be an able man; that he might "do something for Canada, were he not hampered "by distant Directors who want all the money, and "getting little, suffer the road to go to decay. They " tell me the trade relies upon steam, upon steam lines " to the lakes and to Europe which do most of their | in perpetuity.

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"business, that they cannot rely upon the Grand "Trunk's trains, that in the winter the line is often closed by the snow, and in summer besten by the steamers—that it is a political engine going to the dogs."

Rather a fancy picture, we imagine this is, and if not, if our leading merchants do hold the views thus attributed to them, then are they most unjust to the proprietors of the Grand Trunk Railway, and utterly blind to the causes of the growth, so rapid during the past ten or fifteen years, of this city. Whoever and whatever have not benefitted by the Grand Trunk, of a surety Montreal merchants have prospered exceedingly by its means, and without it our streets would not now be lined with the vast warehouses that now mark the commercial supremacy of the chief city of the Dominion.

Mr. Derby trusted a good deal to the information he received from others. He went to Quebec, but again avoided the Grand Trunk, and had personal knowledge only of that portion of it in the immediate vicinity. He learned, however, that the line to Portland did not return the money which was paid for it, and that it was still worse with the Quebec and River du Loup sections. Notwithstanding this deplorable state of affairs, Mr. Derby has confidence in the undertaking, and though a merchant from Chicago whom he met here was the only one he found in Canada who was hopeful of the future, he thinks that as the Vermont Central by good management has been made to pay, so the Grand Trunk with perseverance and energy may also be made equally profitable. In his second letter, which we print entire, Mr. Derby gives his ideas of what needs to be done in order to put the road in thoroughly good working order, and how the money can be raised without any further call upon the long suffering stockholders, who, he says, have his entire sympathy. The mode in which he proposes to raise the necessary funds is rather original, but at the same time comes too late in our history to be very practical, and we commend it to the notice of those who may have acquired the habit of giving gratuitous advice on subjects in which they have no interests at stake, and concerning which they have no reliable means of forming a correct opinion.

The Lindsay (Ca) Post says the subject of railway extension from Lindsay to Beaverton is occupying the attention of the people of Thorah. A bye-law has been published by the Council proposing to raise \$50,000 by debentures, payable in twenty years, with the interest thereon at six per cent., with an understanding that the railway company is to pay or refund to the municipality three per cent on this amount in perpetuity.