

Richard Broun first developed his scheme in 1845, as shown by the following emigration statistics, viz.:—

Years.	To our Colonies.	To the United States.
1845	31,803	58,538
1846	43,439	82,239
1847	109,680	142,154
1848	31,065	188,233
1849	41,367	219,450
1850	32,961	223,078
1851	42,605	267,357
1852	32,873	244,261
1853	34,522	230,885
Total	400,315	1,656,195

the whole of this great work may be accomplished within the space of five years from the date of turning up the first sod. And simultaneously with it may be founded a CENTRAL CITY in Red River Settlement—where already there is the nucleus of a community of about 10,000 souls—with other towns along the line: whither, in addition to such settlers as the grandeur and magnitude of the enterprise will certainly attract from both Europe and Asia, year after year may be drafted from all the infant schools, the Sabbath schools, and the industrial schools in England, Scotland, Ireland, and Wales, such generous youth as shall prove for colonisation purposes “the salt of the earth,” instead of *rotten seed*, in that virgin soil, which is destined in futurity to be the theatre of events and agencies which will exercise the mightiest control for good or evil over the latter ages of mankind.

Apart from all the moral considerations in the matter—the combined claims of humanity, patriotism, and duty urging the instant adoption of a project which would enable our wilderness possessions between Halifax and Fort Langley to outstrip all the intervening stages of national growth, and spring at once, *per saltum*, into importance, population, and power—let it be remembered that if the emigrants to the United States since Sir Richard Broun first propounded in January 1845 the idea of direct railway communication with Asia across North America, took with them only so small a sum on the average as £10 each, this country has thereby lost upwards of £16,561,950. Whilst putting the same value upon the thews and sinews of each emigrant, as a colonising machine, that the *New York Herald* does, viz., 1,000 dollars, in this way the national wealth has been depreciated to the extent of 1,656,195,000 dollars, or £331,237,000 sterling!

Again, during that time—the last ten years—for Highland destitution, for Famine relief in Ireland, for Poor-rates, for Police expenses, and private almsgiving, we have expended fully £100,000,000. Further, within that period, British agriculture was depreciated in one year, by the unrestricted importation of foreign grain, to the calculated amount of £90,000,000, whilst within six days' sail of our shores in New Brunswick alone—the future granary of the mother country—we have 14,000,000 acres of virgin land lying waste and unpeopled, with the reports of Professor Johnston on our table showing that the soil of that province produces per acre, on the average, 17½ bushels of wheat and 204 bushels of potatoes, whilst the corresponding yield in the state of New York, with all its advanced processes of husbandry, is only 14 bushels of the former and 90 bushels of the latter!