

prepared to afford to the promoters of the undertaking." I think that the completion of such a scheme has been delayed too long.

Mr. WYLD, M.P. — My Lord Bury and gentlemen, I must confess I feel a very great privilege in being allowed to take part in to-day's proceedings; for, although the matter has been before me as a matter of theory for some time, yet I now think that this great and important project under your lordship's auspices, and by the assistance of gentlemen round the table, will, I have no doubt, be carried to a successful issue, because it seems to me that the Grand Trunk Railway wants a terminus to the sea. Sir Allan Macnab has stated that some portions of the Grand Trunk Railway do not at this moment yield an ample return. Why is it? Because you are compelled to pass through a portion of the United States, or to use the waters of St. Lawrence, for a portion of your trade. That river, during a certain portion of the year, is completely closed, and trade is entirely excluded.

Now, my lord, you want this railway as a terminus upon your sea-board; and I have watched the observations that have fallen from the different hon. gentlemen who have addressed your lordship to-day, and I find all have abstained from pointing out what are the great commercial and paying advantages of this line to Nova Scotia itself. I have some acquaintance with that country, and I know its vast mineral riches, its forests, its mines, both of coal and iron-stone, and other materials, which, I feel assured, in itself would yield a very ample return for the capital that might be outlaid upon it. (Hear, hear.) Your lordship has spoken of the matter in a military point of view, which is an important one no doubt; but I am a man of peace, and I look upon this railway as perhaps one of the most important links in our communications, not for the purpose of war, but for the purpose of cementing us eternally in the bonds of peace, not only with Canada, but with the United States; for what has been our position with the United States? We have been absolutely dependent for our communications, for a large portion of the year, upon the railway communication with the United States; but this railway will give us an independent communication, and I have not the slightest doubt will in itself yield a very ample return for the capital that will be outlaid upon it. Now, the resolution that I am to speak to is, "That it is advisable that an application be made forthwith to her Majesty's Government." From the tenor of the letter of Lord Grey of March 10th, 1851, I think we have a right to go to her Majesty's Government and ask them to carry out the promise made by Lord Grey in that letter, for, although the *personnel* of the Government has changed since that time, yet I think the policy of her Majesty's present Government should not change. I think that the promise contained in Lord Grey's letter is such, that at this moment if an organization is made to carry out this railway, we have a right to ask the present occupant of the Colonial Office to carry out the terms contained in Lord Grey's letter of the 10th of March, 1851.