

for by this new arm of the extended iron system upwards of fifty millions of acres of land will be rendered accessible to the emigrant, who may journey direct, by ship and railway, from European seaport to the soil that invites his occupancy.

How many and various are the routes by which he can reach this Eden-like spot. Is speed his object? A line of steamers takes him to New York, and from thence he can rail over the New York Central, through the State of New York, and onward to Chicago, the Great Central Dépôt; or he may take the Erie Railway from New York, which will convey him through a lovely region of country, and by that route reach Chicago; or he may journey on the Pennsylvanian Central, and pass over one of the most picturesque and romantic routes in the States, and yet reach Chicago. He may leave Liverpool by steamship for Portland, Quebec, or Montreal, and, by the agency of the Grand Trunk Railway and the Great Western, reach either Milwaukee or Chicago; and from Chicago he can journey direct by rail to St. Paul. Or he may steam up the St. Lawrence a great portion of the distance. The Hudson River invites him with her magnificent scenery. The Lakes—those inland oceans—are ready to bear him on their bosom forward to his destination.* Or he may sail from the white-cliffed shores of England to the mouth of the Mississippi, and, landing in New Orleans—the key of the sunny South—he may triumphantly steam up that Queen of Waters, the Mississippi, until he reaches St. Paul and the enchanting Minnehaha Falls. There he will find agents to counsel him, to advise him, and to guide him. If he desire to cross into British Columbia, the route is before him. Would he reach the ancient and honourable possessions of the Hudson's Bay Company, the means will be provided for him. Or, if still more adventurous, and his mind is filled with auriferous visions, he can speed onward to the mines where daily is brought to light the basis of the world's currency, the emblem of her wealth; for her

“Gold is the strength, the sinews of the world.”

As an evidence of the enterprise which is being displayed in the regions beyond Minnesota, and of the important political and social results which may ensue from the opening up of these regions, we transfer an article which recently appeared in the editorial columns of the *New York Herald*:—

“BRITISH PROGRESS IN THE NORTH-WEST.

“Month after month we struggle on, earnestly and grandly, in our fight for national existence, and for the integrity of our soil, and the whole world watches us, intent on the problem whether a great nation shall stand or fall. Yet it is but a short time since that a power, whose terri-

* A line of steamers is also under contemplation to run between some port in England to Baltimore, Md., there to connect with the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad, which has its connexion with the Pennsylvania Railroad, *via* Pittsburg and the Cincinnati and Ohio Railroad, which crosses the Mississippi opposite St. Louis.