

of the market in these States for coal and coke, I fear the coal and coke of British Columbia will stand a very poor chance of ever taking it from them.

“The promoters of this railway ask no cash bonus or land grant of any kind ; they simply desire the opportunity of expending their own money to construct a railway which will be of great public benefit.

“We now have a prospect of building up a city as large as Butte in the Crow's Nest coal district ; and I cannot think it possible that either the Parliament of Canada or the Legislature of British Columbia will place any barrier in the way of the industrial development of our country, or will adopt a course which may delay that development half a century. I, therefore, look forward with confidence to a charter being granted ; and, this being done, the development which I have outlined will be at once proceeded with ; but unless the charter is granted the development outlined cannot be undertaken.”