

vital importance to the colonies, and also to the empire at large. Who are your men?

*Promoters.* Our men, overwhelmed with capital, groaning to find an outlet, will be forthcoming so soon as we can inform them what the Government will do.

*Government.* We cannot exactly tell you what we will do until we know who your men are.

*Promoters.* Our moneyed men are men of business, and proceeding in a business-like way; they cannot, therefore, be induced to waste their time in this business, unless we are authorised to state to them explicitly what the Government intend to do.—*Exit.*

In conclusion it may be well to state that it is taking a very contracted view of this question to suppose that the Halifax and Quebec Railway is to terminate at Quebec. There is nothing extravagant in the supposition that some spacious harbour on the Pacific, in the neighbourhood of Vancouver's Island, is, at no distant period, destined to be the terminus of this important line of communication. This desirable result being accomplished, with probably a daily steam communication between England and Halifax, would give to the Halifax and Quebec portion of this highly important trunk line more traffic than would be enjoyed by any other railway in the world.

Even the initial portion of this great project being once completed, the onward march of mind of the present day would be strongly attracted to the bold scenery, the majestic rivers, the expansive lakes, and the sublime water-falls of the American continent, where the grandeur of nature and the enterprising energy of man are the exponents of the future, whilst in Europe all are exponents of the past.

Apologising for the length of this communication, I remain, sir, your obedient servant,

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1, Morden Terrace, Greenwich, Sept. 14, 1850.

## LETTER VIII.

*To the Editor of "The Morning Chronicle."*

SIR,—The project which I have by your kind permission feebly attempted to advocate, if impartially examined and fairly treated, may be allowed to rest upon its own intrinsic