

"admitted that at no time since the commencement of the
 "world has private enterprise derived so much assistance from
 "the principles of union and association." Whilst a fact so
 creditable to the energy and intelligence of England, ushers in
 an article demanding the greatest attention of Parliament, a
 series of comments on the trickery and abuses that exist alike
 in the making and in the management of Public Companies,
 leads to the observation that "it is time that something should
 "be done to arrest this tide of corruption, and to prove that if
 "we be a nation of shopkeepers, we are not also a people of
 "swindlers." In a great commercial nation, *ideas* are personal
 properties as much as are ships, or types, or looms, or ploughs.
 If this be true—and who will impugn it?—I have a right to say
 for myself and those co-operating with me, that I did not in
 January 1845, launch my conception upon the sea of public
 opinion, commence steps to create a joint stock COMPANY to
 realize the same, open negotiations with Ministers at Home and
 in the Colonies for co-operation in the matter, and put into
 motion that machinery by which "a project treated at its first
 "promulgation as wild and impracticable, has acquired a prac-
 "tical shape, and will end, in all likelihood, and before long,
 "IN A MAGNIFICENT REALITY," that after the heat and
 throng of a contest approaching almost in its duration the
 length of the Trojan war, Mr. Hincks, Mr. Chandler, or any
 one else, should step between me and my copyhold position
 in the concern. Unless, my Lord, the promise made to me in
 July 1845, by your Lordship as Colonial Minister, is to be
 held no more binding than a dice's oath, *that promise* is now
 to be made good to myself and colleagues. We have not mono-
 polized, nor do we propose to monopolize, the field of enterprise
 on the British North American continent; but having devised
 a plan which will bind the infant communities there to the
 British Throne by more enduring bonds than even that of an
 iron-railway-chain, we do not mean that such plan shall be
 taken out of our hands either by delegations from self-seeking