

nothing for the ancient and modern capital, but emigration to the South shore, unless indeed she is content with the North shore timber coves, her citadel, a political menagerie every alternate four years, and the dining of American tourists. As the chances for any bridge across the St. Lawrence, below Montreal, are most remote, and no more favourable point for crossing exists above us, a bridge at this place will have the widest support provided Montreal takes steps to bring that support to it. Now, the difficulties of crossing the St. Lawrence below Montreal, the distance of the railway from the South shore between Quebec and Montreal, even supposing the crossing were good, and the great length of time, five months of the year, during which the large population of the North shore are closed in, gives Montreal a monopoly, if she is wise enough to avail herself of it, of the business of this whole population, including that of the ancient and honorable City of Quebec herself. The impassable state of the St. Lawrence at Quebec, will cause all travel and imports for that city, for five months in the year, to be made through Montreal, and it will be your own fault if it is not done through here for the remainder of the season. The route from Quebec to New York will be as short by the North shore through Montreal, as that through Richmond and Sherbrooke, and to the whole West, still shorter. The North Shore Railroad, when reversed, becomes not only practicable but highly desirable. As a part of the Trunk Line, or as a means of giving an outlet to the intermediate country through Quebec, it could not be sustained, because Quebec is no market, and from the state of the river in winter, cannot be put in communication with a market. But reverse the proposition and start a road from Montreal, as an extension of the three roads going South, and of those to be built going West, and every section of it twenty miles in length as soon as opened can be properly worked and extended, as circumstances warrant, or be at once taken up as a whole. There is great encouragement for Montreal to