

to the country at large what the paved street is to the town—a necessary.

We now propose to consider this road as part of the Canada Trunk-line,—well assured that the day of its completion will see it connected with Montreal and Detroit—and through them with the Atlantic and the Mississippi.

From Detroit westward a continuous railway to the Mississippi is rapidly approaching completion. Ohio—a purely agricultural state, which, at the beginning of this century, had about equal population with Upper Canada, has laid out and chartered no less than 1,700 miles of railway, of which 672 are completed and 746 under contract. Railroads are undertaken in fifty out of the eighty-seven counties of that State. Along the south shore from Buffalo to Detroit, a railroad is in course of construction to compete with Lake Erie (which is closed a shorter time than ours)—with the Ohio, and with a central line of railway which connects Cleveland with Philadelphia through Pittsburgh. A lake shore road is not there considered absurd, although it has more than one competitor for “through” business.

From Montreal a railway will shortly be completed connecting with Boston and New York by the *east* side of Lake Champlain—another is projected to Plattsburgh and will probably be extended on the *west* side of that lake, at no distant day, to meet the Whitehall railroad which connects with all the New York and New England roads. A third road is likewise projected by the route of the Missisquoi valley, connecting with Burlington—with the Passumpsic, and with all the principal roads in New England. Lastly, the Montreal and Portland road is progressing rapidly, and east of Portland to the centre of Maine two rival guages are running a race for the Lower Colonies. When the commanding position of Halifax, as a point of departure for passengers crossing the Atlantic is considered, none can doubt the early completion of the European and North American Railway. The works of the Great Western Railway from Hamilton are pressing forward—and there remains but the connection