

With proper facilities of Railways and Bridges, not only would her present production be probably quadrupled in ten years ; but numerous new openings would be made for industry ; and her production would increase in kind not less than in quantity. Whatever she has as yet been enabled to accomplish, has been accomplished in spite of difficulties and drawbacks the most disheartening. Everything has been against her except the richness of her resources and the enterprise of her people. For more than half the year she has been shut in from the outside world ; what her people produced for sale could be got to market but for a brief time in the year, and that time the very one at which their attention was most required to their work at home. During the remainder of the season, her farmers could dispose of their produce only by hawking around the streets of a few villages and hamlets. With beef at three or four cents a pound, and oats at twenty-five to thirty cents a bushel,—as has often been the case,—the agriculturist has little incitement to the expenditure of skill and capital upon his soil. But open to them the markets of the Province, the United States and the West Indies, and the effect upon production, both in kind, and quantity, would be marvellous. Our fields and meads and forests have but to be called upon in order to make a response in production that would build up the county at Railway speed.

It is not so much higher prices that our farmers need as a regular, ready and always open cash market. This has been the chief want—and the great and crying necessity. That want has chilled our energies—has dampened enterprise—has checked production. Give us an opening !—is our cry ; in some direction ; in any direction. If our own sea ports will not aid us in finding an opening for our surplus production and for our trade, we must search for it elsewhere. If we cannot have it by way of St. John, we will be driven to look for it by way of Bangor. Carleton desires the prosperity of St. John, and of every portion of the Province ; the people of Carleton would prefer to have such a Railway communication as would enable them to make St. John their medium of communication with the world, because while their own ends would be accomplished they would assist in building up our own Province, rather than the cities of a foreign State. But our people cannot but feel, and do keenly feel, that very little has ever been done to supply our great want ; that five millions of dollars have been spent to build a Railway coast wise from St. John to Shediac, to the disadvantage of our agricul-