

"minions. I allude to the proposed Railway between Halifax
 "and Quebec, which will constitute the most important link in
 "that great chain of communication, which may be destined at
 "no remote period to connect the Atlantic with the Pacific
 "Ocean, and to conduct to a British seaport, from those into
 "which it is now forced, that vast stream of trade, not of our
 "western possessions alone, but of the rich and extensive wheat
 "and grain-growing districts of all central America." This
 high encomium but echoes the language of a noble heart now
 mouldering in the tomb, who, in Dec. 1844, thus wrote to me
 —"Yours is a grand—a glorious project. Its influence extends
 "over a vast space both in the old world and in the new. It
 "must affect the destinies of hundreds of thousands of human
 "beings, not only now, but for ages yet to come. It is a giant
 "labour, bringing care, anxiety and toil; but an ardent mind
 "like yours will be cheered on its onward course by the high
 "feeling which the consciousness of a great duty performed, and
 "the bright gleam of hope that ultimate success will crown your
 "indomitable efforts cannot fail to bring." Through good re-
 port and bad—amidst delayed expectations, and promises of aid
 yet to be fulfilled, I have borne forward the banner of that
 CRUSADE OF PEACE which I hope within the next seven years
 to see erected on those nascent cities and towns which will mark
 every footstep of that mighty route of commerce by which
 Britain, ever walking westward through dominions peopled with
 her blood, will reach the furthest East. And I now claim at
 your Lordship's hands, as of one who directs the councils of an
 upright and monarchical nation, that You will give to myself
 and those co-operating with me that aid to carry out between
 the Atlantic and the Pacific the VAST WORK which occupies
 us, which shall not only remove from Britain the stain that she is
 sowing the Earth with "*rotten seed*," but also enable us to com-
 mand a blessing for Posterity through all future times.

"If we live in an age of political apathy and religious dis-
 "cord," says a leading organ of popular opinion, "it must be