

appeared that the crowns of France and Spain were about to be united on the same head. Beyond doubt the league would be most formidable. In the United States, the shadow of these gigantic combinations falls darkly on the political field, and in a comparatively small country like Canada, there would be no power of resistance to the allied forces of the two great Companies. The Canada Pacific has been so fenced with privileges and immunities by the agreement, that it is already independent of the political authority of the Provinces, and forms a state within the state. In the fate of Mr. Dalton McCarthy's Bill for the Control of Railways and of the Toronto Esplanade Bill, we have already seen what the influence of the corporations is. No party government could for a moment stand against the combined pressure of the Canada Pacific and the Grand Trunk. We are tired of pointing the obvious moral.

—Why did not the Opposition say something upon the subject of Immigration? They were furnished with an excellent text by the telegram which was sent by the Minister of Agriculture announcing that there was urgent demand both for general labourers and mechanics in Old Canada as well as in the North-West, and instructing his agents in England to send out an unlimited supply. At that very time the best authorities on the subject at Toronto were speaking of the demand for mechanics there as uncertain. At the opening of the season it is sure to be brisk; but this is the artisan's harvest, and it seems a little hard on him that the Government should step in and prevent a rise in wages by importing competitors from abroad with money which he is compelled as a taxpayer to contribute. In England during the great railway epoch, there was an extraordinary demand for Civil Engineers, but the Government did not import engineers from the Continent to keep down the fees; and, if it had, the profession would have been in a flame. Nobody wishes to close a land of hope against those who despair of happiness in the Old World. So long as the emigrant comes of his own accord, all is well: he is then selected by nature, and is sure to bring with him