

The extended system of railways, and their connection with more distant points by steamers, will place the farmers in every part of the Province virtually upon an equality. The produce of Inverness, or Antigonish, or Digby, will bring as much as that of Halifax, or Colchester, or Hants, *minus* the trifling expense of carriage. The tantalising and depressing system of truck or barter will disappear altogether, just as it has disappeared from Canada under the influence of the railway system. The farmer will not require to carry his produce to market unless he pleases, as a fair price will at all times be at his command from parties whose occupation it will be to cater for the metropolitan market. The farmers of the Western counties, of Pictou, of Antigonish, and Cape Breton, will thus have every inducement to improve their mode of farming, to extract as large crops as possible from the soil, because, whether as stock or produce raisers, they will receive a fair equivalent for their labor, an equivalent that will enable them to live in comfort, and make some provision for their families.

The opponents of Union may say that we will have a system of railways without as well as with Union; but this is only half the truth. We will have a railway to Pictou, and we may (possibly) have one to Annapolis, even without Union; but this would not bring the desired result. Halifax would thus continue to be but the capital of a small Province, politically and commercially isolated. There would be no Intercolonial Railway, no impulse to trade, no influx of foreign capital. Halifax would be just pretty much as she is, offering a market for a population of some 30,000, and the farmer would feel little if any change. With Union the port of Halifax would be the rival of Montreal; ships from every part would crowd into her, and the demand for the produce of the soil, and the price it would command, would make every farm in the Province worth one hundred per cent. more than it is now, for farming would at once become a paying occupation, and the value of land rise in the same proportion. Nor will Halifax be the only market; for with the developement of our mines, and the rise of manufactories, the consumption will increase and prices rise all over the Province. The men of the Western Counties now find their produce shut out from the States by a prohibitory duty. The stock raisers of Cape