

powers of a Government, so far as might be necessary for the purpose of settling the land and constructing the road—their territory to consist of a belt of land of about 3000 miles in length; and as the greatest part of this is yet unoccupied, its breadth might be from twenty to thirty miles throughout nearly the whole stretch of the land.

This Royal or Imperial Commission should be resident in England, to be in constant communication with the Colonial Minister, and with such public bodies or private individuals as might wish to occupy land, or to assist in the construction of the road, by the formation of Companies or otherwise; and they should be represented by Sub-Commissioners at the several seats of Government of the five powers, and have also a Migratory Committee to visit the various parts of the line, and each power should appoint an Inspector to examine into the accounts and proceedings of the Board of Commissioners, and report every six months to their respective Governments and to the Colonial Minister of the Empire; and the Commissioners to hold their places during the pleasure of the Crown. The President of this Commission to be appointed by the Colonial Minister.

What may be the political convulsions of the present or future day of North America, it is of course impossible to foretell. May we not hope, that, like ourselves, her people may be saved from much that now appears to threaten them; but surely, my Lord, let the North American Provinces be British, and which, I am bold enough to say, they will remain; or let them be American, or formed into a mighty Kingdom for themselves, not the most revolutionary or illiberal set of men that could ever be brought together would attempt to interfere with the rights of such a great commercial communication—with the interests of which every man along this line of road would feel himself bound up and ready to protect. In short, my Lord, it would be the property of North America and its people,