

port of pickled fish from Nova Scotia and Cape Breton to Canada, may be set down at 12,000 barrels, which in a few years may be increased to six times that quantity, through Halifax and the nearest Gulf Shore port.

The trade between Halifax and St. John, New Brunswick, is at present conducted in five or six small schooners constantly running. The Line will, no doubt, greatly increase this trade.

The rapid increase of our own products, will also offer an immediate return to this Line of Railway,—although it may appear small at the first. A few years since, it was rare to find any quantity of Butter, Pork, Beef, &c., of Nova Scotia production, in the market. We can now point to one commercial Firm in the City that receives, annually, from 3 to 4000 firkins of Butter, and from 6 to 800 barrels of Pork and Beef from the country, for sale,—to two or three others, that receive from 250 to 1000 bbls. Beef and Pork, and from 3 to 600 firkins butter each,—and to 10 or 12 dealers in Pork, who receive in the carcass, and cure for retail, annually, about 2000 barrels.

The Committee refer to these facts with pleasure, as it enables them to shew, distinctly, the capability of Nova Scotia; and what returns may be looked for, when the Company bring into full and successful action, their plan of settling and cultivating the large tracts of valuable, but waste land, on either side of their proposed Line.

The conveyance of Merchandize and other supplies from Halifax throughout the Province, is extensive, and will, in all probability, make a handsome item of return to the Line, particularly in autumn and spring, when the freight and insurance to the ports on the Gulf Shore, and P. E. Island, by water, are a heavy charge.

It can be best judged of, by considering the following Official returns of value of Imports into Halifax, the greater part of which is conveyed into the interior.

The value of Imports by Official Returns:—

Into Halifax is, . . .	£1,555,778	0	0
Outports	192,790	0	0
	£1,748,568	0	0

The value of Exports per ditto.

From Halifax is . . .	£972,672	0	0
Outports	242,494	0	0
	£1,215,166	0	0