



A PARTIAL VIEW OF HALIFAX HARBOUR.

### The Future of Halifax, Nova Scotia.

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In the chain of Great Britain's world-encircling vantage-points, Halifax occupies a conspicuous position as the front-door of the Dominion of Canada.

In the Old World accessible and convenient situations have long been recognized as paramount factors in establishing the claims of a city to commanding influence. London, at the south-eastern extremity of the British Isles, affords a striking object lesson of the surpassing importance of easy access to the sea as an arbiter of the destinies of the world. Moscow has been superseded by St. Petersburg, now the foremost city of the great Russian empire, whose steadfast ambition is the development of clusters of population and shipping enterprise at convenient seaports in Asia, as well as

in Europe. France, Germany, Austria, Italy, and all the European powers have constantly shown their disposition to encourage and promote the substantial and permanent prosperity of their seaboard towns and cities, with a view to ship-building and free control of the marine approaches to their dominions.

In the New World, more especially since the era of steam and electricity, and the constructing of railways over vast land stretches, washed by two great seas, central locations in the interior of the continent have come into greater prominence than on the other side of the Atlantic.

Two great American seaports—New York and San Francisco—on this continent are still in the van, however, as distributors of American commerce to every quarter of the globe. While Ca-