

particular, and deserve the everlasting gratitude of the labouring classes, for whose benefit this association has principally been formed, and by whose exertions it has been mainly carried on.

It would be difficult to select a more appropriate medium for diffusing sound information upon a subject which is calculated so extensively to benefit the labouring classes in this country than *The Morning Chronicle*, inasmuch as that journal has recently and very successfully probed the fearful ulcers of poverty and crime, and exposed the very unsatisfactory state in which many thousands of the labouring classes of the community are placed in reference to the social well-being or even existence of organized society.

The existence of so much wretchedness and misery as were brought to the light of day by the exertions of *The Morning Chronicle*, must eat out the very heart's core of the social compact, unless some remedy be speedily applied.

A thorough knowledge of an inveterate malady is said to be half the cure; this, however, can only be the case when the skilful probing of a wound is followed up by the equally skilful application of an adequate remedy.

The execution of the Halifax and Quebec Railway, combined with the immense field for profitable colonization which that work would necessarily open up, would be an effectual mode of averting some of the accumulated and still accumulating evils resulting from a surplus population and an over-stocked labour market; and, considering the many advantages which must necessarily result to the whole of the British North American colonies, to the persons emigrating, to the home labour market thus relieved, and to the whole empire at large, it is very unaccountable that the Government do not see the propriety of at once taking the initiative in this great national work.

Viewed politically, the subject is of considerable importance. The British North American colonies are placed in immediate contact with the most industrious, persevering, go-a-head nation in the world; and being of the same race, the same religion, possessing the same intellectual calibre, and living under the same social institutions, the important inquiries must force themselves upon the minds of the British colonists—"Why are we embarrassed, impoverished, our energies cramped, our trade all but annihilated,