

"The gamester, if he die a martyr to his profession, is doubly ruined. He adds his soul to every other loss, and by the act of suicide renounces earth to forfeit heaven."

Miscellaneous, Scientific, &c.

INTERNAL COMMUNICATION IN BRITISH AMERICA.—The British Provinces in North America may, also, be raised into great and immediate prosperity by a judicious formation of railways.

Here I propose first, to form a railway for waggons from Quebec to the harbour of St. Andrews, upon the Bay of Fundy, a distance of one hundred and ninety five miles, a work which will convey the whole trade of the St. Lawrence in a single day to the Atlantic waters,—cutting off a navigation of one thousand two hundred miles down the river St. Lawrence and round the shores of Nova Scotia. Thus the timber and provisions may be brought to the Atlantic, not only with more speed, regularity, and security than by the River Saint Lawrence, but with the grand additional advantage of a navigation open at all seasons of the year; the harbour of St. Andrews being capacious, deep and never closed in the winter season, whilst the St. Lawrence is unnavigable from ice from the month of November to May. The rout of this work will lie through the government lands, opening out fresh fields for the timber now rapidly disappearing from the banks of the navigable rivers; and by means of this railway great bodies of land which for ages would remain inaccessible in the absence of inland navigation may thus be converted into a splendid source of revenue. The mode of construction may be copied from the railways now in progress of formation in the United States, which are laid down upon timber, and though that material will not possess the durability of stone, still the ground work may be renewed at little cost: and when the clearing of roads in the vicinity of the railway shall have rendered timber less accessible, the whole may be permanently re-constructed from stone, which then may be brought upon the railway at a small expense. The construction of this work will furnish immediate employment for a great body of emigrants, whilst being undertaken by the government, the cost for land and the labour may be estimated at £500 per mile, or 93,000 for a distance of one hundred and ninety five miles from Quebec to St. Andrews, a sum which may be realised in a single month by the sale of the public lands, which then will be purchased with avidity in the vicinity of the rail way.