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**ADVANTAGE OF RAILROADS AND
CANALS.**

There cannot be any mistake as to the great advantage of navigable waters, canals, and rail-roads to this vast country. It is by means of those, that the country can be opened up, and her resources made available to her population. These means of communication may not yield a large annual dividend immediately, but it is by their construction alone, that the country can be settled, and the produce of the settler's industry made valuable. We have a good example before us, in the result of the constructing the Erie Canal of the United States. It has been the means of producing almost incalculable advantages to the country through which it passes, for a distance of over 500 miles. The benefit of our own canals is already beginning to be manifest, and will soon prove the wisdom of those who favoured and advocated their construction. If British America

had only to boast of a grand rail-road from Halifax to Quebec, we should have reason to be proud of our position, and our connection with the British Empire. This would be completing the great connecting line between the British Isles and the centre of this valuable portion of the British Empire, and with our great inland water communications to the most Western part of Upper Canada, we certainly would not have any cause to be ashamed of our progress or condition, even situated as we are, so close to the great "go-a-head" population of the United States. There cannot be a doubt that the people of the United States, had they a rail-road to construct of equal importance and extent as that from Halifax to Canada, they would find means very soon to complete it. Why should we have any difficulty? We should be able to derive equal advantages from the construction of the rail-road as any other people would do. However parties may