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It is proper to observe that, in the altered and present position of all these places, British and American, a class of passengers will, in future, pass and repass, much better able to pay their passage-rates outward and homeward; it will, henceforward, chiefly be independent merchants, independent citizens, mechanics, artisans, farmers, and superior servants of every description, and not, as in times past, a multitude of emigrants scarcely able to pay their passage out, and unable for many years to obtain the means of returning, should they wish to do so.

Further, there cannot be a doubt that by such a line of communication, many of the enterprising and already independent and wealthy people belonging to the North-West States of the United States would visit Europe as their interest, pleasure, or desire for knowledge prompted them. In such a line of steam communication as that alluded to, it would therefore be desirable, and as it certainly would prove very profitable, to have accommodation for a number of what may be called intermediate passengers in each ship. What all these may amount to, the details we are about to consider will more clearly and satisfactorily show. Besides, the orders from the Canadian merchant and shopkeeper to the agents in England to purchase goods would be considerably increased; and the facilities afforded for ordering, and for forwarding the goods, would necessarily enable the buyer to supply him with goods whilst in season, and of a more modern and valuable character, and more especially when they can have a communication once every month, and ultimately every fortnight, or oftener. And the merchants there will not be obliged, as heretofore, to have on hand a large stock of goods, a portion of which may become unsaleable because they have become unfashionable. Up to this time, in order to avoid, as far as possible, this inconvenience and loss, they have been obliged to seek supplies of

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