

profitable, is the application of steam power to the conveyance of goods and passengers by land, where the power of steam and wind cannot be applied for a similar purpose by water. All that is required for the steam Railway is a track, formed on ground as nearly level as can be found, and laid with bars of iron fashioned to receive the wheels of a steam engine and its train of carriages. There is no want of ground in British America, nor of iron and coal, stone and wood. Abundance of experienced and scientific men can be found to direct the work; and our unemployed labourers, at certain seasons of the year, will be glad to find fair wages for their labour, and the emigrating surplus population of the British Isles will abound, with a certain prospect of saving sufficient to enable them to settle upon tracts of cultivable land still unoccupied, and so become substantial freeholders; sending forth, in common with the other inhabitants of the country, their surplus produce to the best markets at all seasons of the year, and receiving their returns in the shortest time and at the cheapest rate.

Our fellow subjects on the other side of the Atlantic, are willing to co-operate with us to the fullest extent, in effecting this great and beneficial object. They are interested, as well as we are, in its completion, but they know that it cannot be satisfactorily accomplished without our hearty co-operation.

Shall we then remain with folded hands in the background? Shall we be deaf and blind to the experience of other countries, insensible to our own welfare and the welfare of those that are to come after us, as Inhabitants of this vast country of British America?

The Government of the Home Dominions is ready to come to our aid. It is entrusted with the protection of all Her Majesty's subjects, the defence of all the possessions of the British Crown. It is an obligation to which the Imperial authority is bound in duty and in honor. It is a duty which has heretofore been fulfilled, at a heavy expense to the British nation at all times, and at an enormous expense during the winter season in particular. That duty may have to be performed anew, against a foreign foe. We have an open frontier of fifteen hundred miles along the boundaries of the only Country from which we can be attacked; and without the means of speedily concentrating a sufficient force, at all seasons, where it may be wanted, our dwellings and farms may be devastated by a foreign force, and the earnings of our labor devoured by an enemy. Some of us or our forefathers have had woeful experience of the barbarous usages of war,