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From Yellow Head Pass to the Pacific stretches the enormous barren mass of the Rocky Mountains, rent asunder here and there by fearful chasms, and terminating abruptly in the sea. The location, having surmounted this formidable barrier at an elevation of 4,000 feet, winds its gloomy way to the sea through and along the sides of these mountains which overhang the waters roaring beneath in the canons of the Thompson and Fraser Rivers. The desolate character of this territory may be taken in at a glance when it is stated, that according to Marcus Smith, there are not 10,000 acres of arable lands along the entire route. We thus have a location of 500 miles through an uninhabitable country in the Mountainous region.

From the present location we therefore deduce the following facts:—1st, that our national railway will be carried for over 2,000 through a country which cannot by any possibility yield traffic for its sustenance after construction; and 2nd, that the Eastern Terminus is in truth fixed at the head of Lake Superior, at Thunder Bay, which virtually will hand over the traffic of the road exclusively to the American railways in winter, and to American ships equally with our own in summer. The connecting link between Thunder Bay and Lake Nipissing is a thing in the far distant future, as may be inferred from the immediate construction of a line from Lake Nipissing to Sault Saint Marie, which has been fore-shadowed by Sir Charles Tupper in his late speeches.

Truly may the country in general, and the Eastern Provinces in particular, find matter for deep and anxious reflection in this location, and more particularly when it is considered, that upon it is based an outlay of \$130,000,000 of capital.