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degrees more—may be brought into profitable cultivation, or an extent of 30,000,000 acres. Moreover, it will one day have to be borne in mind by Great Britain, that, from the western point of Lake Superior in British territory, to Vancouver's Island in the Pacific, it is only 1500 British miles. At the rate of 15,000*l.* per mile, 22,500,000*l.* would complete a railway through that extent, and in British territory, and thus make Canada the highway from the Pacific to Europe.

If any evidence, however, were required of the importance of steam communication between Liverpool and Portland, and our North American colonies, and the great influence it must eventually exercise upon the mercantile relations of both England and those countries, this evidence will be found in a leading article published in the *Times* newspaper of the 19th December, 1856; in an address of the Hon. Judge Haliburton, published also in the same paper; and in another leading article which appeared in the *Times* of the 10th January, 1857,—extracts from which will be found in the Appendix.

The concluding sentence of the last article states in a few words that which we have been endeavouring to show, and confirms one of the leading features on which the promoters of "*The North Atlantic Steam Navigation Company*" have acted: "It is scarcely possible to repress astonishment at the amount of intercourse between this country and the States, even as it actually stands; what proportions it may acquire in a few short years, is a question to baffle all attempts at divination or conjecture."

London, February, 1857.

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