

advantages which must eventually establish it, not simply as an Inter-Colonial, but rather as an Inter-Continental line of communication.

These are purely commercial considerations, and however important they may be as such, the Statesman will readily perceive, in the project, advantages of another kind. It may be of some consequence to extend to Newfoundland, as well as to the other Provinces of British America, the benefits of rapid inter-communication. It will probably accord with Imperial policy to foster the Shipping of the Gulf and to encourage the building up of such a Fleet of swift Steamers as a Daily Line across the Ocean would require. It must surely be important to the Empire, to secure in perpetuity the control of the great Highway between the two Continents. It must be equally her policy to develop the resources and promote the prosperity of these Colonies--and to bind more closely, by ties of mutual benefit, the friendly relationship which happily exists between the people on both sides of the Atlantic.

The Chart which accompanies this will show, the important geographical position, which the British Islands and the British Provinces occupy, in relation to the shortest line of communication across the Ocean, between Europe and America.