

GRAND TRUNK RAILWAY OF CANADA.

*To the Presidents of the Boards of Trade of Montreal,
Quebec, Ottawa, Toronto, Hamilton, London, &c.*

GENTLEMEN :—

The abrogation of the Reciprocity Treaty with the United States being likely to cause a considerable change in the trade of Canada, and consequently of the traffic along the line of the Grand Trunk Railway, I was induced to make careful examination into the condition of the Trade, particularly in regard to Breadstuffs, with the Lower Provinces, and with this view have lately spent some time in visiting the principal cities in those Provinces, and obtaining the best information that could be procured in regard both to the existing trade, and the possibility of increasing that trade with Canada.

The result of these investigations has convinced me that a very considerable traffic, indeed, can, if proper means are used, be carried on between Canada and the other Provinces,—to be, of course, very considerably enlarged as soon as their Confederation is actually accomplished.

One great difficulty which has hitherto existed in regard to the development of this trade, has been the want of proper means of communication ; and it is quite evident no large amount of trade can be secured until this want is supplied.

Obviously the most important means of communication, and the one calculated to develop the trade to the largest possible extent, would be the construction of a Line of Railway connecting all parts