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QUEBEC AND HALIFAX RAILROAD, AND TRUNK LINE OF RAILROAD TO HAMILTON AND DETROIT.

In the last Session of the Provincial Parliament, an Act was passed, entitled "An Act for raising by way of Loan, a sum not exceeding four millions of pounds currency, for making a Main Trunk Line of Railway throughout the length of the Province," (August 30th, 1851.) This Act recites the substance of a Message from His Excellency the Governor General, acquainting the Legislative Assembly, "that Her Majesty's Government were disposed, on certain conditions, to recommend to Parliament, that the credit of the United Kingdom should be employed to enable the Provinces of Canada, New Brunswick, and Nova Scotia, to raise upon advantageous terms the funds necessary for the construction of a line of Railway from Halifax, in Nova Scotia, to Quebec or Montreal, in this Province." This Act goes on to provide that this Line of Railway should be continued from Que-

bec to the City of Hamilton, in Western Canada, and thus form the "Main Trunk Line of Railway throughout the Province," in connection with the Great Western Railroad now being constructed from Burlington Bay to Detroit River, the funds for which are already guaranteed by the Province. The Act presumes that the funds required for the whole of the "Main Trunk Line of Railroad" will be obtained upon the credit of the United Kingdom, and there is very little doubt on this subject.

It is upon the authority of this Act, solemnly passed by the Provincial Parliament, that the friends of this railroad advocate its construction *throughout the Province of Canada*, because it would be a work of the highest importance to the progress and welfare of the Province. They do not advocate any separate portions of this railroad, but that the whole line should be completed from the boundary line between Canada and New Brunswick, westward to Hamilton, in