

EXPLANATION.

The following article (Appendix A.) was written in 1862, when the question of opening up a route from the late Province of Canada to the Red River Settlement and British Columbia, had become to be generally and warmly discussed.

It was the object of the writer to point out, how, in his opinion, the great work could be undertaken in the most advantageous manner, having in view the circumstances which then existed.

Events have marched rapidly since that time, in consequence of which the mode of proceeding with construction may, in some respects, be considerably modified, and under the altered circumstances the rate of progress then contemplated, may now be greatly accelerated.

The system propounded in 1862, however, embraces certain economical principles, which appear as appropriate and applicable to-day as they did twelve years ago and, therefore, they may profitably, be again considered.

It was at first intended to make only one or two extracts from this article in order to illustrate the advantages of what is termed the "Territorial Road System," but the whole subject is so important and of so much interest at the present time, that it is considered advisable to print the article *in extenso*

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