

to carry out ; through nothing extraordinary, even if we had to build it ourselves, since Russia is now building a railway through the very heart of Siberia, from Moscow to Vladivostok near Corea on the Pacific coast which F. G. Carpenter in a copy righted article in the *Montreal Daily Star* of the 2nd inst. — in an interesting and instructive description of this Trans-Siberian highway, of its objects and resources, gives as over 7000 miles in length, while in fact it is but 5000 miles or thereabout, since it covers but 100 degrees of longitude in a latitude where the degree is barely 50 miles instead of the 69 which it is at the equator ; and when this road is terminated, let me say, en passant, and that which China has under way to meet it from Peking, it will then be possible to travel all the way from Paris to Peking by land.

What we are now concerned with, is merely to reach the bay, only 350 miles remote, build up a new colony at James Bay and exploit the riches of the waters and the land. The road would pass within 50 miles of Mistassini. Henry Fry in an issue of the *Chronicle* of the 18th ult., has shown how we can build cheap steel or iron vessels for the purpose. Hill is at the government with his promising scheme of turning the bay into a new Alaska of fur bearing seals. Low is about to issue his report on the mineral and other riches of Labrador, his discoveries of lakes larger far than Mistassini, of rivers with higher falls than those of Montmorency or Niagara, in fact an Eldorado for Quebec and God knows we want it badly. Some ninny ('citizen') under the heading of "A railway to the moon" had it in the *Mercury* a year ago or more that "a railway to Hudson Bay" was 50 years before its time ; ignoring, as most men do who look not before they leap, that while he was thus writing himself down an unbeliever, a railway was already partly built and under way from Parry Sound to Nipissing, Nipissing to Madawaska on the C. P. R., Madawaska to Temiscamingue and that the C. P. R. have now taken this road in