

government. Why, asks the philosophical Goldsmith, after an attentive examination of many of the European states,

"Why have I strayed from pleasure and repose,
To seek a good each government bestows?

How small, of all that human hearts endure,

That part which laws or kings can cause or cure!"

Let us keep out of the vortex of political excitement, learn how to value the blessings we enjoy, and study how we can best promote the internal communications, and develop the resources of our native land.

The time has come, when the great American and colonial route of travelling must commence or terminate at Halifax. On the importance of this to Nova Scotia, it is unnecessary for me to expatiate, as it speaks for itself in a language too plain and intelligible to be misunderstood; but these advantages we can neither fully enjoy, nor long retain, without a "*Rail Road*" from Halifax to Windsor. It is now no longer a matter of doubt or of choice; circumstances have forced it upon us. We owe it to the liberality of the British Government to make all those arrangements that shall give full effect to the noble scale upon which they have undertaken the Atlantic steam navigation; we owe it to New Brunswick and Canada to complete our portion of the great intercolonial line; and above all, we owe it to ourselves not to be behind every other country in appreciating and adopting