

acres should be given to the whole body (senior and junior) out of the vacant lands in the latter Province, which still exceed 12,271,031 acres." * They desire that those lands shall be given them upon the line of the proposed railway between Halifax and Quebec. They have placed in the hands of the Government a formal protest against the "sale, grant, or concession of any of the vacant territory within the Province of New Scotland as originally bounded, pending the settlement of the claim of right now urged by the Baronets." The inhabitants of Nova Scotia need have no apprehensions in reference to their own titles, for these the Baronets have never attempted to disturb; and should the commutation they now seek from the Government be fully granted, it would be advantageous to these Provinces by facilitating the noble work of the railway, and colonizing a tract of wilderness country to which the labor of the native population would scarcely extend in centuries to come. To enlist the energies, capital and influence of a body so highly intelligent and respectable, in the desirable work of colonizing the uninhabited regions of Nova Scotia and New Brunswick, is of great importance to the best interests of the country, and for which alone the real value of the lands applied for, by them, is but a reasonable and very moderate equivalent.

* Nova Scotia Question, p. 12.