

wick, Nova Scotia, &c., will be united with you in one great federal union. Descended principally from the same parent stock, a mutuality of interests and feelings existing among you, all equally loyal to the British Sovereign, and alike animated by that rooted love of peace and order which so peculiarly characterises the British people and all who descend from that tight little island—it is believed that such an union would advance the prosperity of all, while, to an undoubted certainty, it would so enable you rise in strength and power that other nations, envious of your present capabilities, would shrink from attacking you, and the British North-American Empire would expand in wealth and freedom—the mark of admiration to distant nations, and the glory of all who delight in the extension of human progress and refined civilization. The indications of this consummation are apparent in the first step which will soon be laid open for your legislative action, by the proposal of the Inter-Colonial Railway. Already party feeling is being excited upon the subject, and its discussion will doubtless lead to much angry temper, but let me hope good counsels will prevail, and statesmanlike views adopted. The liberality of England in its Colonial Government has often been remarked, and I trust in this measure she will not depart from her general custom, nor seek to entail any greater expense on either Colony than the probable advantage will soon repay. Should such propositions be considered oppressive, it is the duty of the Colonies to reject them; but let reason and argument be brought in action in preference to party issues and personal abuse; and no doubt exists but that an honorable adjustment will take place, and the Inter-Colonial be effected as the first great and necessary step to the commencement of the Pacific Railroad, which would at once throw open your rich prairies and fertile valleys in easy access to the anxious settler, whose disposal in a few years would repay the entire outlay of the different railroads construction. Then would be brought about a tangible realization of the proud boast that the British Empire is one on which the sun never sets; for here would be a continuous line of travel under British rule, forming to the globe a semi-annular arch or bridge, embracing in its span the earth's antipodes. Starting from Great Britain, the eastern pier of this vast arch, as the sun travels it would traverse the Atlantic Ocean, rising from thence over Halifax and Nova Scotia, New Brunswick and the