

crease in importance, wealth and population ! And when the commercial advantages are considered ; when the coal and fish of Nova Scotia and New Brunswick could, in a few days, find their way to Lakes Eric and Ontario—and Halifax, St. Johns and St. Andrew's, be the destination of an immense produce from the West, now sent to New York and Boston,—who would not labour for “a consummation so devoutly to be wished” ? Yet, strange infatuation ! with the exception of the Lower Provinces and Quebec, scarcely a man elsewhere, even thinks of the projected road ; or if he does, he “damns it with faint praise.”

Our legislature is too much bent on the struggle for place, to pay attention to such a grand, and I may say, necessary improvement ; but the home government is alive to its importance, and see, independently of the reasons now adduced, that with an increased emigration, some work of this magnitude is absolutely wanted ; and those gentlemen of Quebec who have so warmly and so zealously advocated the measure, must still be up and doing.

In Great Britain and Ireland, and indeed generally on the whole continent of Europe, the increase of population is such, that annually, crowds will leave the Old World for the New : and while choosing between the United States and North American Colonies, the emigrant will do well to consider, that in the former, the fearful question of abolition, and the ill-defined power of the executive government, with the daily occurrence of some excess committed by the sovereign people, who are above all law, render his abode there both uncomfortable and unsatisfac-