

as New Brunswick. To 17,000,000 of productive acres, there are only 208,000 inhabitants. Of these 11,000,000 are still public property. On the surface is an abundant stock of the finest timber, which in the markets of England realizes large sums annually, and afford an unlimited supply of fuel to the settlers. If these should ever be exhausted, there are the coal fields underneath. The rivers, lakes, and sea coasts abound with fish.'

" Then as to the practicability of carrying on the line of railway to the Pacific. It can be clearly shown that a similar description of country, and indeed in many parts far superior for agricultural purposes, runs through the whole length of that parallel of latitude in which would be constructed the great British colonial railway communication that has been proposed in my letter to the Author of the *Clockmaker*; and, as a means of affording permanent work to our starving and unemployed population, as a means of enabling the country to make a permanent system of national colonization, and, at the same time, of assisting the legislature to relieve the country from the expense of what the *Times* so justly observed on the 19th February, ' We cannot afford to spend £50 a year on a convict at home.' As a means, then, I say, of materially assisting in the solution of all these important questions, now agitating public opinion, I do not believe any better plan can be suggested; and I believe also, if judiciously and systematically undertaken, the ultimate consequence of this great national work, instead of being a drain on the finances of England, will increase, to an immense extent, both her revenue and her capital.

" With many apologies for the length of this communication,

" I have the honour to be, Sir,

" Your obedient and much obliged servant,

" ROBERT CARMICHAEL-SMYTH."

" 17, Preston Street, Brighton,

" March 9th, 1849."