

in less than as many minutes, be forwarded to the Seat of Government in Canada, St. John's, Fredericton, and the Military Post at the Grand Falls.

The vast benefit of the Railway Company to the Government, can, perhaps, be best understood, when it is considered what the actual situation of Canada was in 1812, at the commencement of the American War, when, from the want of internal roads and facilities for the conveyance of troops, materials and mails, the country was at the point of being overrun by the enemy; and again in 1837-38, at the revolutionary outbreak, when only at immense sacrifice of money, great risk of surprise, and much suffering and privation by the troops, was the necessary assistance furnished in time to save the country.

Already has the assurance of the Colonial Secretary been given to the London Provisional Committee, that the project will, at the proper time, receive the most favourable consideration of the Government. The Committee have therefore, the best ground for believing that the pecuniary aid of Government will go far to swell the amount of anticipated revenue from the Line. In a moral and social point of view, it may be regarded as affording sooner or later to every village of the Provinces, the means of a rapid and frequent intercourse with one another, and with the largest and best markets for their productions. Farms, that were of little value, from the impossibility of disposing of their produce, at a price over the cost of production, will quickly increase in value from the speedy settlement of the country, and facility of cheap conveyance. To the thousands of suffering but honest poor of our Fatherland, it will offer the inducement to emigrate, affording to them profitable employment, while the Line is in progress of construction, and when completed, a happy home, in a fruitful and healthy country: and lastly, to one and all, it will bring all the increased blessings that may very reasonably be expected to flow from a free, rapid, and constant intercourse with the parent country—the most enlightened, religious, and liberal nation of the world.

The Committee have next to consider the proposed Line with a view to its commercial importance, in which they must, necessarily, be led to some length; although they are desirous of confining their remarks to the present trade of the Provinces, and most moderate anticipation of increase, rather than to endeavour to arrive at startling and striking results, by calculating its progress from the success of similar projects in other countries.

With the Map before us, it will be evident, that the great