

has been objected, that I am a foreigner, and therefore not a fit and proper representative of a Novascotian constituency. I feel that I am lowering myself, in condescending to notice this expression. If men are to be ranked by the soil from which they sprung, it would be well to make a national scale, and have each individual stamped and numbered, like mackerel. I am one of those, however, who believe, a man is a man anywhere. I came to this country at the request of, and supported by the greatest man in it: the Honorable S. Cunard; for the purpose of improving your internal communication. In how far I have succeeded, I leave you to judge, and ask you to do so by my works, and not by the idle tales of the envious.

Business affairs have identified me, to some considerable extent, with the interests of the Country; its prosperity is mine; and individual prosperity is the only source of national wealth, while self-reliance is the only true path to individual or national prosperity, honor, and happiness. Moreover, my children are growing up around me, and may soon be expected to mingle with, and take part in the affairs of this, their *native land*. I wish them to understand, that honesty of purpose is closely allied to independence of mind, and will endeavor, while with them, to teach, by precept and practice too, the wisdom of steering across the ocean of life, guided by the star of Truth.

Respectfully,

Your Obt. Servant,
H. HYDE.

TRURO, 15th July, 1851.