

In this respect, our interests are identical with the inevitable policy of Great Britain. Henceforth, no other relation than "reciprocity" is possible between British America and the adjacent States of the American Union. Minnesota especially welcomes the assurance that Victoria, the capital of Vancouver Island, is to be selected as the Naval station of England on the Pacific, perhaps to become, under the impulse of an international railroad, the Liverpool of the Pacific coast.

As to the "adventurers of England trading into Hudson's Bay" (so the stockholders of the company are technically styled in the charter of incorporation) they can turn their partial defeat into a victory. The map of Arrowsmith exhibits their posts at every advantageous locality between latitude 49 and 55 degrees. Open that immense belt of country to European and American colonization—extend over it the benefits of "Reciprocity"—adopt the American system of land surveys and land bounties to settlers, and the members of the Hudson's Bay Company would receive more advantage in ten years as proprietors of cities and towns, than would be possible for them as fur traders in a century.

The press and citizens of St. Paul have observed with much satisfaction the progress of public opinion in England on this important subject. Encouraged by the London Geographical Society, if not by the Government, Captain Palliser leads an exploring party to the sources of the South Saskatchewan, and the passes westward through the Rocky Mountains. Col. Elliott, at the head of fifty engineers and as many soldiers, has recently arrived at Vancouver Island, and accompanied by an hundred voyageurs, will thence move eastward through British territory, definitely locating a railroad route as he advances. Simultaneously, a joint commission of the American and English governments are engaged in running the international boundary, from Puget Sound to Lake Superior, commencing at the Pacific terminus. And now comes the gold discovery of the Northwest, which will probably renew in that direction the wonderful history of California and Australia.

An overland route from St. Paul, on American territory, to Puget Sound, or through the Saskatchewan Basin to Frazer River and Vancouver Island, is central to an immense and fertile area, which, at no distant day, must connect with the channels of the Mississippi and St. Lawrence, within the limits of Minnesota. From latitude forty-four to fifty-four, and from longitude ninety-two to one hundred and twelve (west of Greenwich) or between