

Quebec. But if by a mistaken policy you spurn the inland trade, which is always here always increasing, and fall back solely upon the fluctuating and uncertain trade by sea, prospering chiefly from the negative fact that ships come here when they can find nothing better to do elsewhere, you will, like Ephraim, be "let alone." Before we ask Upper Canada to import through our warehouses, we should satisfy her of our ability to discharge the responsibilities we would assume. How would you supply from the Ocean your Western nursery in winter? Not through the United States, for of course Uncle Sam would not be long in bottling us up in the route for which we had evinced so strong a predilection; nor could we complain, after discriminating against him, if he should withdraw the bonding and warehousing privileges by which we make use of his seaports when our own are useless. How then is Montreal to provide an outlet for her young and rising family in Western Canada during the five mortal months of winter? Echo answers—**HALIFAX AND QUEBEC RAILROAD!**

It is a wiser as well as a more honorable policy to endeavour to better ourselves by legitimate means rather than at the expense of others, and experience has shewn that in free countries no other course can be depended on. I do not pretend to say that differential duties in favor of the St. Lawrence will not grant advantages to Montreal which she does not now possess, but I do believe they will bring with them disadvantages more serious; that while we grasp at the shadow we will lose the substance. I would prefer directing your attention to enterprises the beneficial effect of which can neither be conferred upon you nor taken from you by legislation, and which, if they do not make you friends, will at least not add to your enemies, and will be equally useful and indispensable to you under any system of commercial legislation. Of what use would differential duties and increased trade be to you unless your Harbour be enlarged,—unless vessels of deeper draught can come to your