

is quite obvious that time is ripening one or both projects for deliberate consideration, and, it is to be hoped, for comprehensive action.

It may seem presumptuous on the part of the writer to volunteer suggestions on the subjects above referred to, but it becomes the duty of every man, however humble he may be, to give utterance to his reflections on matters of a public nature, so that the truth may be arrived at; and as the questions alluded to, have to some extent, occupied the attention of the writer, he ventures to accept a seasonable opportunity of expressing his ideas, however valueless they may prove, even at the risk of being considered over zealous.

If, then, so humble an individual might be allowed an opportunity of offering his views, in as brief a manner as the extent of the subject will allow, the writer would respectfully submit the following observations and suggestions.

The question of opening a continuous line of communication across the continent, is acknowledged to be of Imperial as well as of Provincial interest. The Provinces are interested in the undertaking in a two-fold manner—firstly, as distinct portions of the country under separate governments they would benefit by the work so far as it served the purposes of colonization and commerce within the limits of each—and secondly, as component parts of the American Division of the Colonial Empire they would each partake of the advantages