

HASZARD'S GAZETTE, JUNE 25.

THE GREAT INTERCOLONIAL RAILWAY.

The public will be pleased to hear that A. C. Morton, Esq., C. E., arrived here last S-turday evening, with five assistants, for the purpose of surveying and locating the line of railway from this City westwardly, to the American frontier, or near Colar, under the direction of Messrs. Fox, Stowe, Brussey and Jackson, the contractors with this Province. The survey commences to-day, and Mr. Morton has engaged parties surveying and locating the line southwardly from Sault Ste. Marie to meet the line through New-Brunswick. No time will be lost in locating the line hence to Bangor, or in getting it under contract for actual construction, early as possible.

We are informed that all the assistants of Mr. Gilkes were to commence operations at Sault Ste. Marie yesterday morning, having engaged working men and others to meet them there at that time.

It affords us also much pleasure to announce that the whole line of railway from Portland to Montreal, will be opened for traffic next month. All parts of the road are now graded, and the laying of the superstructure and rails is being pushed on vigorously, in order to get the line open for traffic early in July, if possible. No doubt there will be great rejoicing among our Portland friends, and grand delight at the opening of a railway so important to them.

We have already stated that this line of railway, from Portland to Montreal, has been leased in perpetuity to Jackson & Co., at £50,000 sterling per annum; and in order to place before the people of New Brunswick the reasons for leasing said line from Portland to Montreal, we publish the following extracts from the prospectus issued in London by the Great Trunk Railway of Canada. These extracts also show the fixed intention of the Company to continue the Canadian railway from Trois-Pistoles to Miramichi, in order to obtain access to the fisheries of the Gulf of St. Lawrence, and the valuable coal mines in those shores.

The Grand Trunk Railway of Canada, with the Atlantic and St. Lawrence Railway of Maine, 115 miles in length, with an uniform gauge of 5 feet 6 inches, as now brought under the notice of the British public, offers the most comprehensive system of Railways in the world. Protected from the possibility of injurious competition, for nearly its entire length, by natural causes as well as by legislative enactment, it engrosses the traffic of a region extending 600 miles in one direct line, from Portland to Lake Huron, containing a population of nearly three millions in Canada, Vermont, New Hampshire, and Maine. At Portland, it connects with the system of railways reaching eastward through the Province of New Brunswick, and westward to Halifax, in Nova Scotia, and northward by line already existing, to Boston and New York. At the frontier of Canada, it again unites with other lines to Boston, and the great manufacturing districts of New England. From Richmond, it runs eastward to Quebec and Trois-Pistoles, 225 miles, giving direct access to the great shipping ports of Canada in the summer, and thence by rail to the Atlantic at Halifax, by Trois-Pistoles and Miramichi, forming the only route to the great fisheries of the Gulf of St. Lawrence and the eastern timber, coal, and mineral districts of New Brunswick. At Montreal, it again meets three railways now in operation to Boston and New York. At present, it receives the tributary line from Bytown, and the vast timber districts of the Ottawa, 60 miles, now in course of early completion; and on the opposite side of St. Lawrence, the northern New York road to Ogdensburg will pour its streams of passenger traffic upon the trunk line. At Kingston, the Rome and Sajac Vincent railroad, also from New York, becomes its tributary. From thence to Toronto, it receives the cotton produce of the rich country south of Lake Ontario, through the canals of Welland, Fenmore, and St. Catharines, and scores other new lines already in process of construction, and all tributary to the main trunk road. At Toronto, the Ontario, Simcoe, and Huron railroad, 100 miles now nearly finished, joins on the axis of the reign around Lake Simcoe and Georgian Bay. At the same point is also met the Great Western railway by Hamilton to Detroit, 240 miles, now in a forward state for completion, by which communication is had with the western part of Western Canada, as well as with the railways in operation from Detroit to the States of Michigan, Illinois and Wisconsin.

From Toronto, westward, the line passing through the heart of the western peninsula of Canada ensures to the grand Trunk the exclusive traffic of the finest part of the Province; while at its terminus at Sault Ste. Marie, at the very outlet of Lake Huron, avoiding the shallows of the Detroit and St. Clare rivers below—a point the most favorably situated for the navigation extending through Lake Huron and Michigan, and further west along Lake Superior. At Sault Ste. Marie, the American railroads now in course of construction, pass the Grand Trunk Line in the direct connection with the arterial lines to the Great West and the Mississippi, a region where advance of population and wealth has been regarded as almost fabulous, and yet whose resources are still very partially developed; while the traffic of the copper and iron districts of Lake Superior, the most valuable and extensive in the world, with the coal of Michigan, will accumulate on the railroad at this point, reaching ocean navigation at Montreal in much less time, and by the same mileage, than it can now pass by boat to the waters of Lake Ontario, 350 miles above that city.

The Grand Trunk Railway of Canada, it will be therefore seen, commencing at the debouchure of the three largest lakes in the world, pours the accumulating traffic in one unbroken line throughout the entire length of Canada to the St. Lawrence of Montreal and Quebec, on which it rests at the north, while on the south it reaches the magnificient harbours of Portland, and St. John, on the open ocean. The whole distance between Lower Canada, parts of the States of Vermont and New-Hampshire, the whole of the State of Maine, and the provinces of New-Brunswick, Nova-Scotia, Prince Edward Island, and Newfoundland, must therefore pass over the Grand Trunk Railroad.

Soon what follows, it will be seen that three great outlets for the rich products of the West, are proposed by the Great Trunk Railway of Canada—namely, Halifax, St. John, and Portland, each open port in the Winter season.

A further and more important consideration in connection with Portland, St. John, and Halifax, is that the navigation is never closed by ice; products may, on the completion of the Grand Trunk Railway, be shipped there, when otherwise there would be no ready means of conveying it to Europe.

Thus with the exception of that portion of Nova Scotia to the port of Halifax, (about 150 miles), the entire length of 1,600 miles, both by the shortest route through the States of Maine, and by the northern route to Trois-Pistoles, is for a great part in course of construction, and the remainder will shortly be completed under highly favorable circumstances, the immediate prosecution of that portion of the Nova Scotia being under the consideration of the Government of that province whose future interests are largely compromised

in the speedy and perfect completion of the project, as to ensure their best and strenuous efforts for its early accomplishment.

There can be little doubt from the foregoing statements, that it is the full intention of the promoters and proprietors of the Grand Trunk Railway Company of Canada, to amalgamate with the railways in Nova Scotia and in New-Brunswick, as well by Miramichi and Trois-Pistoles to Quebec, as by St. John, Calais, Bangor, and Portland to Montreal, and consolidate the whole into one Company, as "The Great Intercolonial and American Railway."

GENERAL INTELLIGENCE.

THE CIVIL WAR IN CHINA.

It was stated some time ago that the insurrection in China had assumed a religious and even Christian character. This statement is fully confirmed by the latest intelligence received by the Overland China Mail. Three of the victorious insurgent chiefs have issued proclamations: the following, which we take from the *Overland China Mail*, is so important that we think our readers will approve of giving it a place in our columns:—

"PROCLAMATION OF THE REBELS."

"Yan, entitled the Eastern King, and General-in-Chief; Ssu-pan, entitled Western King, also General-in-Chief; Tsoo-ping, by divine appointment Emperor of Thousen, the celestial dynasty, uniquely issue this proclamation, to announce that they have received the commands of Heaven to slay the impious and save the people. According to the Old Testament, the Great God (Shang-ti) our Heavenly Father, in six days created the heaven and earth, the land and sea, men and things. The Great God is a Spiritual Father, a Ghostly Father, Omnipotent, Omnipresent, and Omniprever; all nations under Heaven are acquainted with his great power. In tracing up the records of bygone ages, we find that since the time of the creation of the world the Great God has frequently manifested His displeasure, and how can it be that you people of the world are still ignorant of it? The Great God in the first instance displayed His anger and sent down a great rain, during forty days and forty nights, by which means the First Flood was produced. On a second occasion the Great God manifested His displeasure and came down to save Israel out of the land of Egypt. On a third occasion he displayed His awful majesty, when the Saviour of the world, the Lord Jesus, became incarnate in the land of Judea, and suffered for the redemption of mankind. In later ages he has again manifested His indignation, and in the Ting-yeu year (A.D. 1837) the Great God sent a celestial messenger, who was commissioned by the Lord of Heaven, when he ascended on high, to put to death the scoundrel bandit. Again he has sent the Celestial King to take the lead of the Empire and save the people: from the Mow-shin to the Sinshie year (A.D. 1850-51) the Great God has compensated the calamities of the people, who have been enslaved in the meshes of the devil's net; on the 3rd moon of the latter year the exalted Lord and great Emperor appeared; and in the 9th moon, Jesus, the Saviour of the world manifested Himself, exerting innumerable acts of power, and slaying a great number of impious bandits, in several places in China, for the sake of the people to resist the Ministry of Heaven!—And now we, who could ask, can the great God fail to be displeased with men for worshipping corrupt spirits, and performing corrupt actions, by which means they grievously offend against the commands of Heaven? Why do not you inhabitants of the world awake? Having been born in the present day, when you are permitted to witness the glory of God, how fortunate may you esteem yourselves! 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