

Province, showing that a strenuous effort should be made to realize the public expenditure and the income. The nature of the subject was the postal communication between the Province Superior and New Westminster, in British Columbia. The "Atlantic Transit and Telegraph Company,"<sup>6</sup> was specially commended to their consideration as an undertaking of great importance to the British North American Colonies, both in a commercial and military point of view. The speaker congratulated the members upon the prospect which existed for the realization of an abundant harvest; expressing his confidence in their zeal and ability to promote whatever may conduce to the advancement of the welfare of the Province, and humbly invoking the Divine blessing upon the deliberations of the Assembly.

It will be observed that His Excellency made no allusion whatever to the Intercolonial Railroad. We observe that the Hon. Mr. McTear has inquired for

The country from the Upper Nashawak to Boileston is principally in a wilderness state. But forests have been seen, and consequently the road appeared much more lively. I am inclined to think, however, that the miles between Boileston and other northern counties of the Province are much like many of the men; unusually long. With reference to the past, perhaps it can be said of Miramichi, "There were giants in those days," which would account for the height attained by some of the present generation.

Boileston was old enough to be much larger than is, and like many other places in the Province, Haslam's Quarter not excepted, much better. There are, however, some very excellent and enterprising people, and the people were very hospitably entertained, the night of our arrival, by Mr. Mackay and his very agreeable family, to whom we were

The character of the people, too, makes them easily accessible to the persuasions of the elders who are working as missionaries among them :

There is nothing that a Welsh enthusiast will not believe. Their devotion to their creed, whatever that creed may be, is wonderful. It is shown in a blind, unhesitating, unwavering acceptance of whatever they are taught. It is rarely, indeed, that they change their religion. They are obstinate in all things—it is part of their national character; but, in religious opinions they are simply immovable. You reason with them, you try to move them as you attempt against the temper of the south.

These characteristics of the Welsh—boundless credulity and an unalterable fidelity to their religion—

"Without liberal maintenance, the ministry must deprecate both in public esteem and real value. Young men of talent and worth, aware of its needless hardships, are discouraged from seeking it. Avenues to usefulness, with worldly competence and respectability, are open on every hand; wealth, honor, distinction, fame, tempt them to enter: while the ministry presents the gloomy prospect of poverty, want, embarrassment, care, crippled usefulness and suffering reputation. In these circumstances, the young man of talent and enterprise must have more than the spirit of martyrdom, to determine on giving himself to the ministry. Perils by sea and land, the martyr's block and stake, the heart of generous pity can face, but not the reputation of starving poverty."

only the great care which they felt one for another, but it develops the true idea of that oversight of the flock of God, which those exercise whom the Holy Spirit hath appointed to that office.

All these circumstances to which we have referred, shew the progressive character of the primitive Churches and afford us both example and authority. In the appointment of the seven to *serve tables*, we have the example for providing for the proper management of all the temporalities of the Church, and in any way, which the state of society, the education of the people and our circumstances require—*not conformity to the Bible*. In the separating of Paul and Barnabas to their work, we have an example for christian missions; and that it is our duty inasmuch