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A town-hall,

built of cut-stone, a market-place, two newspapers, six
grist-mills, two woollen factories, a saw-mill, two dis-
tilleries, a brewery, and marble factory, indeed nume-
rons places where many other branches of industry are
carried on, and perhaps by the time these pages see the
light the numbers may be doubled, so rapid is the pro-
gress towns possessing free communication with the
world now make in Canada.

While our man and his beasts were refreshing them-
selves, we walked down to the canal and looked at the
locks and the mills. I afterwards got into conversation
with a most intelligent negro, and commenced a series of
questions, which I put to a great number of his race, to
ascertain if they themselves had ever thought of sug-
gesting any plan by which the emancipation of their
brethren in the Southern States could be brought about
without the ruin of their masters and the utter demoralis-
ation of the negroes themselves. The results I will
mention by and by. He told me there are twenty-five
thousand negroes in Upper Canada, a large number of
whom are either emancipated, or have taken "French
leave" of their masters. My friend acted as ostler at the
inn. He was contented and happy, though, as he told
me, he was alone in the world—no wife, nor children,
nor brothers, nor sisters—yet he had known them, but
they were all dead. Providence has kindly implanted a
contented, uncomplaining disposition in the bosom of the
negro, enabling him to bear up against misfortunes which
would break the spirits of his white-skinned fellow-
mortals.

I own that I felt a great interest in the success of the
runaway slaves, who find freedom, employment, and
kind treatment and sympathy in Canada, and contribute,