

since the good Doctor says "the same may be done in Canada at this moment, and with the certainty of speedier returns than the speculators on the other side (which by the way, is an ambiguity of expression unworthy so learned a gentleman, and an Executive Councillor) if he had told the Company *how* it is to be done? He would thereby have conferred a lasting obligation on the Company and on the Province, the people of which latter, most heartily wish the former, all the gains the thing is susceptible of producing.

I flatter myself I am addressing men who can discern and judge, and who are nothing afraid to envisage the truth, though it should dispel some of the golden dreams, the good Doctor's unctuous answers are calculated to excite. While your money is still in your pockets, you have time to deliberate in safety. Throw it away upon the lands of this country, under the precious idea, *that Capital is the only stimulous wanted*; and it is lost, irretrievably lost. Fallacious thought! Capital cannot heal the wounds inflicted upon a Country by political disabilities. In a country abused and betrayed by ignorant and selfish cunning, *Capital will not abide*; in such a country it cannot be invested, but to the sorrow and grief of its owners, who might perhaps withdraw it from active circulation, and have the pain to see it at once reduced to a mere *caput mortuum*.

Speculators in lands in the United States, and speculators in lands in Upper Canada, stand upon very different grounds. The former invested their capitals under every moral certainty of immense gain; while the latter, like desperate gamblers, stake their venture against physical impossibilities. How Doctor Strachan could draw a parallel between the United States and this country, eking out even a preference for the latter, as offering more

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