

is constructed upon principles, which, if not ultra-protective, yet afford a fair advantage to the home manufacturer against the foreigner; our system of communication and transit is almost complete; skilled labour can generally be obtained at a fair value; and a revulsion of feeling is manifest throughout the country in favor of home productions, and a disposition seems almost everywhere to exist to give them countenance and encouragement. The consequence is that the manufacturers of Canada—the few she has—may be safely regarded as the most successful and promising class that the country possesses at the present moment. The capital invested is generally very limited, and the manufacturing concerns, as a rule, are neither very extensive nor very wealthy; but for the amount of capital expended we believe there is no investment paying better than useful manufactures of all kinds in this present year of 1859.

Here, then, in the natural order of events, is the new sphere of operations opening up, whereby Canada may redeem her character and her position as a colony where the surplus hordes of the old world may make a home. In order to take proper advantage, however, of this new field of enterprise some care and trouble may be found necessary.

There can be no doubt that capital is one of our chief requirements, although well matured experience may be the next in importance. These must obviously be drawn from the same source, from whence the like materials have been derived for the prosecution of our great public undertakings. To borrow at the present moment, and indeed for some time to come, for such purposes would perhaps be neither politic nor practicable. Some other more convenient and practicable means then must be resorted to. These appear to us plain and almost self-evident, and only requiring a little tact and energy on our part to put into successful operation.

England abounds with capitalists at the present time, who, although they might be unwilling to loan to strangers for a similar object, would be glad at any moment to avail themselves of the splendid opening now offered in this country for investment in various branches of domestic manufactures. And not only have they the requisite capital in abundance, but hundreds of men may always be found there highly skilled in all the refined appliances of the greatest manufacturing country in the world, who are anxiously looking and waiting for a favorable opportunity for investing their money and skill.

To attract this class of men to our shores should be our great aim in the next few years. That they would gladly avail themselves of the advan-