

The former of these roads is alluded to in the issue of the *Morning Chronicle* of the 3rd inst.

While Mr Alphonse Gagnon, a young man, with whose talent and aptitude for patient and laborious research we are all acquainted, has among other subjects in a neat little volume of "Archeological studies and varieties," lately published, given us from Loudon's report on lake Mistassini and on his journey there and back from Lake St. John, a very interesting description of both, as surveyed also by our pioneer of the forest Mr. J. Bignell, and by Mr. Low, which you should all read and would certainly enjoy.

Ontario I have said, is richer than Quebec, more prosperous, and less in need than we are of seeking fortune elsewhere. It is for you to say if we shall continue thus to expatriate ourselves each year, and as thousands have already done in permanence, to go and puddle our neighbor's clay, carry it to them on our shoulders, black their boots for them — Sir Edmund Head was right : in one word become their valets, their domestics, while they of over the line of 45, proud of their superior intelligence and goaheadism, leave us behind or unlooked at while they pass us by on their way to poach in our waters and rob us of our God-given patrimony.

Let us labor, gentlemen. God has said pray, 't'is true, but it is' not of that contemplative outpouring which like faith, is worthless without deeds. God has said : aid yourselves and I shall aid or abet you ; it is therefore the prayer of labor which is meant, the most efficacious of all Mgr. Paquet said the other day at the university meeting of the St-Denis Academy : labor leaves no leisure for unavowable deeds. God has said "earn your living at the sweat of your brow. My prayer is one of 18 hours a day, 14 of which I devote to my civic duties, though only paid for 7 ; the four remaining are my compensating ones, my recompense when I can thus utilize them, in writing up such a subject, and then imparting it to an audience like this appreciative of the subject and of my time and trouble.