

OTHER NATIONAL ASSETS.

In the matter of Canadian fisheries, ten times the activity might prevail, and ten times the wealth be reaped from the harvest of the sea, if there was complete and perfect freedom between the great productive regions of fish wealth in Canadian waters, comprising five thousand miles of coast line, and the great consumptive demand for it which could be created among the sixty millions of people in the United States. What extremity of folly does it seem to be that, as between these vast sources of wealth on the one hand, and an equally vast absorbing power for their consumption on the other and profit on the other, a trifle should stand in the way? In many other things besides those enumerated is Canada rich by nature, but poor by policy. The policy that would open up the markets of the United States for her products, is that which will in the greatest degree enrich her, enabling her to realize, at as early a period as she can, from the enormous riches with which Providence has endowed her. Up to this period Canada has been treated with great liberality by Great Britain, and it has been often said that had the colonies in 1776 had a freedom equal to that which Canada had since enjoyed, there would have been no justification for the American revolution. The very freedom thus far enjoyed leads to the hope that, while Canada still heartily desires to remain a British colony, and while nine-tenths of her people are still devoted to British institutions, there certainly ought to be no barrier to their full and complete development of the resources of the country, and a perfect enjoyment of the wealth which they should produce.

NORTHWESTERN DEVELOPMENT.

The burden of taxation which Canada has voluntarily assumed for the creation of great means of communication, and the opening up of vast stretches of territory, demands that she should make the most ample provision, not only for her own development, but for the creation of a great traffic. The English money which has been spent in the last ten years in Canada amounts to an immense sum. The ability to earn interest on it rests with the creation of a business commensurate with the expenditure. The development of the Northwestern portions of Canada, for which she has sacrificed so much, is an essential element to her progress, and her