

measures which will draw out the vast resources of the Country may be adopted without talking of reciprocity, so that the unrivalled, and but little known great advantages of the Canadas may be called forth. I presume earnestly to recommend the measures of a free transit as one of Commercial policy, as well as of political expediency and sound wisdom. If by this channel the products of England can reach the far West, by a shorter route, unclogged with duties, will not a fair portion, if not the chief of the carrying trade, and particularly all the heavy and bulky articles, be carried by our ships to Quebec, Montreal, and on to Lake Huron, and shall not we draw upon an average four pounds a ton, and derive from each individual passing from Quebec a like sum, independent of the freight from England; and if only by the rail way, would not each passenger leave a pound at least, in the Province. Surely, to turn away such advantages----to shut out such a certain source of incalculable gain to the Province, upon the plea of Reciprocity, would manifest an intellectual lethargy, a degree of indifference truly to be deplored and not to be expected from a people goaded to exertion by a surrounding energy and prosperous enterprize unexampled. I am grieved to find that such is the baneful influence of political strife, that one party cannot bear to see a measure conferring prosperity on the Province, emanate from, or that such should be strenuously supported by the other—yet, each party professes to be governed by liberal principles, and these in accordance with a regard for the rights of, and tenderness for the opinions of others.—O that I could but persuade my fellow-subjects, who talk about their anxiety for the prosperity of the Province, to unite in support of those measures which they, and all others admit, must produce certain prosperity.