

purposes the ports of New Brunswick are closed for four months of the year. This province is superior in its agricultural capacities but inferior in mineral wealth to Nova Scotia; but it has still an immense virgin forest of valuable timber. Its climate is more severe, the fall of snow greater, and consequently the cessation from labour during the winter months longer than in the sister province. There are, however, many beautiful and fertile valleys in New Brunswick capable of great agricultural development, but the uplands are poor, consisting of a large extent of sandy plains covered with stunted spruce; but neither Nova Scotia or New Brunswick are agricultural countries in the American sense of the term; their staple trade is cutting timber, catching fish, digging coal, and mining gold, building ships and sailing them—all occupations requiring—especially in a cold climate—a hardy and vigorous race of men. As their trade relations with the United States become improved, their mines developed, their fishing and timber trade increased, their lands—though poor in comparison with the Western States—will, from their near proximity to active scenes of industry, be brought gradually into cultivation; but at the present time this is not the field for the surplus population of the metropolis and the manufacturing towns of England.

Lower Canada may be briefly dismissed from the fact that it has already a large surplus population who migrate to the United States in large numbers during the summer months in search of employment, and what possible occupation can there be in Lower Canada during the winter months, with twelve feet of snow on the ground and the thermometer repeatedly standing at from ten to thirty degrees below zero?

Western Canada has been properly styled the *back-bone* of the Dominion, for it imports and exports more than the whole of the rest of the provinces put together, and pays about two-thirds of the whole taxation, and yet the fertile portion of this province is but of small extent, and mainly confined to what is called the Western Peninsula, a country