

a few years have disappeared. It is in those colonies, that the West Indian already finds the best market, after that of the United Kingdom, particularly for his rum, molasses, and coarser sugars, which it is so economical to make, and so difficult to dispose of elsewhere; and that market, as the population increases, and means of communication are improved, cannot fail to be most rapidly extended. The shipping interest, of all perhaps the most important and the most depressed, are the while acquiring employment, which may be carried to the amount of 200,000 tons, and at the same time keeping embodied a corps of some 12,000 maritime militia upon that frontier, which, if not the most exposed, is perhaps the most threatened. It is in the West Indies, that the Canadians find the best market, after that of the United Kingdom, for the exuberant productions of their lands and waters. To them no commerce can be more necessary, none, in which the return is so immediate, and the profit so universally diffused. Every individual contributes and receives something of the articles mutually exchanged. Their imports are the most agreeable and useful of luxuries, which their habits and climate have made the very necessities of life, but which they cannot produce themselves. Their exports are such as require the smallest outlay, the rudest labour, the least risk, and are the sole objects of industry which those colonies afford.

In fine, therefore, the conclusion to be drawn