

Upon what, therefore, it will be asked, has the Province of Canada to rely for protection against invasion by the United States?

To this important question she may proudly and confidently reply, "The energy and bravery of our people."

The fighting portion of the population of the Province, form its natural defence; and, consequently, the citadel of the whole country, or in other words, the *military* heart of Canada, is that point, wherever it may be, at which, and from which the fighting portion of the population can, either centripetally, be most easily assembled; or centrifugally, be most easily despatched to whatever point their services may be required.

#### THE CAPITAL OF CANADA.

On the locality in Canada, which for the general interests of the Province, and of the Empire should be selected as its Capital:

*In Theory*, it might naturally be supposed that the capital of every country ought to exist as nearly as possible in its centre.

*In Practice*, however, the opposite rule has been followed—Dublin, Edinburgh, London, Paris, Lisbon, Stockholm, Copenhagen, Amsterdam, Berlin, St. Petersburg, Constantinople, and Washington in the United States, being all, either on the outside, or at an extremity of their respective countries. Indeed, as a negative proof, it may be remarked, that Madrid, the only central capital, is in the least flourishing country in Europe.

In India, the Great Mogul reigned internally in Delhi, as the Emperor of China still reigns in Peking; but in the one country, Calcutta, and in the other, Canton, both on the outside, are the real capitals.

As it would be absurd to suppose that in a living animal, the heart could exist at any other point than at the termination of its arteries; so must the heart or capital of a country necessarily exist in the centre of its business, and of its commerce; or, in other words, at the termini of its main arterial railways and lines of water communication, which in the map of every country, are the real indices or exponents of both.