

due, as we all know, to the fact that a river whose waters are warmer than those of the surrounding ocean, a river within an ocean, the so called gulf stream, is poured out of that boiling cauldron, the gulf of Mexico, where a tropical sun heats and expands its waters upwards — and, as molasses in a heated cauldron, are seen to swell or overflow from the centre towards the sides — so do the waters of the gulf run out and cross the ocean until they strike the Western coast of Europe, carrying with them a corresponding stream, of heated atmosphere or air which tempers France and England, Spain, &c.; precisely as on a smaller scale, of a hot summer's day, one can feel the deliciously cooled current of air which caresses one's cheek, after the mere transitory contact of it with the ice van which distributes that luxury about the city.

Frenchmen ignored their country until in 1870 the Germans taught them their own geography. We are unacquainted with our own domain. Let us not wait then till the enemy make it known to us. Sir Edmund Head called us the inferior race and it is now or never to be seen if we merit this opprobrium. Let us be in haste, I have told you that Upper Canada, Ontario, has already commenced a road which from Nipissing at Parry Sound makes for lake Huron by Georgian bay and which by way of Temiscamingue and Abittibi will now soon reach James bay at Moose Factory, en route for the Hudson fisheries. We have but the same distance to go as they to reach there.

And now my hearties shall we not put our shoulders to the wheel. The people are all mighty. It is for we to impose our willing on Parliament, where our deputies are met to execute our wishes. It is several years since the roads already mentioned from Winnipeg and Nipissing to Hudson and James bays have been subsidized in money and in lands, and both by the local and the federal governments. Then why not ours.

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