

"It is hardly necessary for me to point out to you the importance of the North American Provinces to this country. As a commercial position, they afford an inlet to British manufactures and trade to the United States, independent of that power; as a naval station, they command the trade to Europe of nearly all America, for the trade winds and the gulf stream will always force this trade to pass near Nova-Scotia and the Banks of Newfoundland. The possession of the Colonies by the United States would give them harbours, coal and timber, in which they are deficient, and enable them to command the trade of nearly all America to Europe, and engross the Newfoundland fisheries. England would become dependent on foreign powers for timber, and lose an important nursery for seamen, without which she would be reduced to the rank of a secondary power, after having been so long the dread and envy of them all.

"I should flatter myself that the interests of the Colonies and the power of England will not be sacrificed to a spirit of innovation, or of theories which ought rather to be tested by experience at home, under the eye of the legislators, than in the Colonies, who are not represented in Parliament, and whose sufferings cannot directly reach those who make the experiment.

"An alteration in the timber duties, which would diminish the competition with foreigners and the quantity in the market, could hardly benefit the consumer in this country, as it would assuredly raise the price of the article."

The Agent cannot close his Report without acknowledging the ready attention of all public men in England to whom he had occasion to apply on the business of his mission, the zealous and able co-operation of ALEXANDER GILLESPIE, Junior, Esquire, Chairman of the North American Colonial Association, appointed to act with the Agents from Canada, and the ready and friendly assistance of every person connected with the Colonies with whom he had any intercourse, in London and the other great marts of trade in the three kingdoms. He has also to acknowledge the valuable and cordial co-operation of WILLIAM WALKER, Esquire, Agent for the Montreal Association.

The Agent has delivered to the Treasurer of the Association, ALEXANDER SIMPSON, Esquire, a statement of his disbursements during his mission. Their actual amount, for all expenses, is £329 17s. 7d. sterling, out of the £624 sterling, which was put at his disposal. He drew or received £384 sterling, £36 14s. 5d. of which was left in London, to be accounted for; and he has repaid to the Treasurer £17 8s. the balance of cash in hand.

All which is humbly submitted.

J. NEILSON.

CAROUGE, 25TH NOVEMBER, 1835.