

facility of acquiring the most ample and the most permanent strength.

"Nature and the arts have conspired to make the Gulph of St. Lawrence the seat of empire in America. Cape Breton is its gate and key; Quebec, with its silver spires and batteries confronting heaven, is its citadel—and the towers along the steep of Halifax, and cannon that bristle on the shore, guard the port and arsenal of Marine. Within reach, the commerce of the Atlantic is carried by, on the stream from the Gulph of Mexico, as on the bosom of a river, as the commerce of the five great lakes will descend the broad St. Lawrence by the gates of Quebec. Cape Breton, Halifax, the islands of Grand Manan and Bermuda, not only secure the navigation of the ocean, but they shut up and form a chain of blockade along the whole American coast. Late be the necessity of exerting such a power again, as its former exercise was brief and successful; but it is only by such pledges that this country includes many people in her empire, and imposes the laws of industry and peace."

With regard to choice between Canada and the United States, particularly Illinois and Michigan, to which the preference has been given by some late British anti-British writers, two circumstances should be well considered: First, to become a citizen of the United States, a person must serve an apprenticeship of five years, during which period he is considered as an alien; at least three years before he is deemed worthy of naturalization, he is compelled to appear before a public court, abjure for ever his allegiance to the land of his birth, and the King, and Constitution, which he has ever been accustomed to revere. After this probation, and at the end of five years, he has again to renew his protestations of fidelity to the government of the United States, his abjuration of all Kings, more especially the King of Great Britain and Ireland. After this purification from all monarchical principles, he may possess land and houses, and hold hereditary property, but he may rest assured that he will never obtain any office either of honor or emolument in the state. Second, in addition to the gratification of associating with num-