

but which, as a matter of course, is not palatable to most of the legislators and big wigs of the *Lower Province*; for, in arrangements of this kind, however much they may be for the *public* good. I need scarcely tell you, there is sure to be found some wheel within wheel, somebody that will lose a good job, or be deprived of customary pickings. Others I must tell you, however, are for having the two provinces *united*, and, in my opinion, it does not require a conjuror to pronounce that one or other of these two measures must be adopted ere many years pass by, especially if *Upper Canada* continues to be such a favorite place of resort for our countrymen, and which I make no manner of doubt about, since its vast resources and *utility to Great Britain* are only *beginning* now to develope themselves; but of this more in the sequel. I was given to understand at *Montreal*, that its trade was rapidly increasing, and some of your great men about Change will be startled to be told, that merchants are often at business by five or six o'clock in the morning. Winter suddenly breaks up, the ice disappears, and the majestic *St. Lawrence* opens; ships arrive out, crowded with Emigrants, and all is bustle and hurry; the price of labour instantly rises enormously, and the man who is an idler deserves to starve, for, if he can turn his hand to any thing, there is full employment for him. So expeditiously are the return cargoes shipped, owing to previous arrangement, that vessels are often on their way back to Europe in a week or ten days. The consequence of this flourishing state of its commerce is, that the improvements made of late years are very great, and it bids fair to become a city of very considerable consequence to the British empire, for the imports, from England alone, in 1832, are calculated at upwards of *two millions* sterling, and must naturally go on increasing as the population of the *Upper Province* gets more numerous, and as those wants require to be satisfied, which industry and a fertile soil must inevitably superinduce. By the bye it would delight some of my friends to see the steam vessels on the *St. Lawrence*. To view nature and steamers on a truly grand and majestic scale you must come to America.

And now as to *daughters*—mine I hope never to part with, nor shall I find it at all necessary on the score of education, for the reason I have before stated, so long as they have a mother. She very judiciously holds in view, in the course she pursues with them, mere what is likely to be really useful, and to obtain for them the character of good wives, should wedlock ever be their lot, than what is showy and ornamental, but often frivolous, and a positive waste of precious time, as