

nutriment ; and watches it with unabated affection  
*in every quarter of the civilized world.* From that  
 nation it "SPRUNG FORTH FULL ARMED," like Min-  
 erva from the head of Jove ; and like the goddess  
 in some of her attributes, can travel unseen, assume  
 every shape and speak every language suited to the  
 various and ever varying taste of man. To the  
 poor it promises plenty ; to the indolent ease ; to the  
 licentious exemption from restraint ; to the ambi-  
 tious glory ; to the philanthropist a return of the  
 golden age ; and to every one happiness ! With  
 the awful lessons we have had, it were idle to enquire  
 whether it has kept any of its promises. There are  
 however, still projectors and experimenters enough  
 with their retorts and crucibles ready to decompose  
 every venerable and useful institution ; in the hope  
 of enriching themselves out of the dross and lumber  
 of their great political laboratory. To talk of any  
*immediate danger* from democracy in Canada, would  
 perhaps indicate an unjustifiable want of confidence  
 in the power and wisdom of the British nation.--  
 The question is not whether she could annihilate the  
 whole population of Canada, and run a ploughshare  
 through the cities of Montreal and Quebec. No one  
 indeed doubts her ability ; or ought to suppose that  
 she has profited so little of the lessons she has had  
 during the last thirty years as to temporize a mo-  
 ment with rebellion : but it is a most benevolent,  
 important, and interesting enquiry, BY WHAT MEANS  
 IT MAY IN FUTURE BE PREVENTED, WITH THE LEAST  
 VIOLENCE AND INCONVENIENCE.

I have already endeavored to demonstrate from  
*reason and facts*, that the Canadian peasantry neither  
 are, nor for many years can be, so generally instruct-  
 ed, as to have clear and distinct notions of a free  
 government. The proportion of those who can read

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