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It has been justly said that in forming a plan for the defence of a country it is necessary to take into consideration the extent of its population, its political position, its geography, and a proper application of military principles.

In view of this it will be observed how difficult, if not impossible, it is to give a brief adequate sketch of military affairs in a province, geographically speaking, one of the most remarkable of the Dominion, combining amongst others the following grand features: the sea, hills and mountains, rivers and forests; occupying a central position amongst provinces distinguished for their history and their geography (Quebec and Nova Scotia), while its own history is not without interest.

The history alone of the Loyalists from the United States, 5,000 of whom in 1783 settled at the mouth of the St. John River, is full of interest—Loyalists who

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