

rect taxation † they could not object to an union, when they understood that, instead of Lower Canada having a majority in the house of Assembly, they were placed upon a perfect equality in that respect; and would thereby be enabled to protect all their just rights: they could not object to the union, when they knew it to be the only act that could improve the communication between this back country and the sea, thereby enhancing the value of the land and its productions: they could not object to the union, when they knew it was the only course that could be pursued to prevent the dominion over this five province of the nation *Canadienne*: † In his opinion the separation was intended to protect the English inhabitants from this dominion, and the measure of union was following up the intention." § After a few more observations in the course of which

*that the respective habits of the two people are such, that of all imported goods, but particularly of wines and spirits, one person in Lower Canada, consumes at least as much as two and one fourth in Upper Canada? Q. E. D.*

† *What is this, but envying the natural advantages of their neighbours: as well might the Upper Canadians envy the Newfoundlanders, and repine that there is no bank for the cod fishery in Lake Ontario.*

‡ *The Nation Canadienne never had any desire of dominion, or extension, they are an unambitious, quiet, and inoffensive people; but firmly attached to their own rights, and determined not to forego them; one of their rights, is the supremacy which the settlement by their forefathers on the mouth and banks of the noblest river in the world, has given them over the transit-trade of the back countries, to which that opening leads. Every country has its own advantages, natural and acquired. Upper Canada has greatly, the advantage in fertility of soil, and fineness of climate, as well as in the means of internal communication; but we never hear of the Lower Canadians envying their brethren of the upper country, or coveting those advantages; whilst the Upper Canada unionists want to have both those that they are in possession of, and those which nature has denied to them.*

§ *No; the constitutional act was certainly intended to protect the English inhabitants of Canada from being governed by French laws; but equally to protect the French from being governed by English laws; for these purposes the separation was made, and limits assigned for each, whilst the union would reverse that intention, and totally subjugate the French inhabitants, whom it was the purpose of the British Government, at*