

English, her agriculturists as prosperous and a skilful in their profession; her commerce may cover the ocean, Montreal and Quebec may be as Liverpool and London; she may continue as free from the ills of poverty and the vice which follows it as at present; her prisons may be models for imitation, her colleges may be the resort of the new world, her schools of art as those of Italy. All this the people of Canada have the freedom to accomplish and much of this they will accomplish if they follow out the course of persevering industry which they have begun. The patient and laborious beaver, the emblem of their country points out to them the road to true greatness, not violence and force, but earnest exertion in peaceful labour; and when perhaps the tide of misfortune may sweep away their fair habitations, they must, like the beaver, return with renewed energy and spirit to the task, and return again and again, not abandoning the remaining part of the work which the current may have spared, to find new sites whereon to build, but using what has been left as a foundation for the new structure. If this be the course of our people, Canada will yet stand among the nations of the earth, like the lordly maple among the trees of the forest, gigantic in wealth and power, beautiful as the graceful leaf in knowledge and refinement, and possessing in the Christian piety and morality of her people, a parallel to the sweet treasures which the maple pours forth for the use of man.