

obtained by the ruin of a particular portion of the subjects of the Empire, it is unjust; but it is doubly unjust, when it is taken into consideration that the sufferers were invited by Royal promises of protection, to leave their native country and establish themselves in the newly conquered Colony of Canada: that in the hour of England's need, they were encouraged to commence a trade in an article of prime necessity to the Empire: that their trade was fostered and supported by Imperial enactments for the sake of rendering a supply of that article certain in war or peace; and that they have expended the produce of their honest labour for years, in the erection of wharves, mills, stores, &c., for the convenience of carrying on that trade successfully.

There are persons who maintain that a change in the duty will not have the serious effect on the Colonies that is apprehended—but these persons, like Messrs. Hume and McGregor, know nothing of the trade of Canada—if they did, they would be convinced that all the evils anticipated will follow, and that Canada will be reduced to the same miserable state into which Mr. McGregor describes the town of Augsburg, in Germany, to have fallen by the removal of the manufacturers, where the houses were turned into barracks and hospitals, nobody living in them of the name or family of those who constructed them; bad laws and bad government having destroyed the trade and prosperity of the country, and brought desolation and ruin as their consequences.

The timber trade is the parent of all others in Canada; the expenditure in the prosecution of it has brought them into life, and succours and supports them; and without it they must die: like the branches of a mighty river, it extends its influence into the most remote districts, and fertilises and nourishes the professions and trades of men of every grade, in a population of upwards of 1,200,000, from the judge on the bench to the mechanic in his workshop. It is to Canada what the manufacturing, the agricultural, and the shipping interests combined, are to Great Britain.

If the result of this experiment of a change in the timber