

the boundary-line; and it is notorious that the firms of these township-banks have increased in number, and flourished with greater vigour, since they have had Canada bank paper to counterfeit, as well as American. Now what are the reflections that offer themselves? The ingenuity, industry, and abilities displayed by the gangs of counterfeiters in the townships, if diverted to other objects, (either by tearing away of the impediments which have hitherto almost hermetically sealed up those fertile and extensive districts, or by removing the temptation of inordinate and easy gains laid in their way, by the existence of such a paper-currency as now poisons the whole country.) would produce permanent advantages to themselves and the province, which would be felt and visible, from St. Regis to Madawaska. But as long as such immense manufactories of not-counterfeit paper money exist in the United States, it will not be possible to prevent the manufacture of counterfeit paper-money; and, with respect to Canada, the banks being now incorporated, a measure which, under their present imperfect and unmercantile system, ought to have been deprecated by every sound politician, it can not be expected that that part of the evil will be removed on our side. The only way, therefore, to diminish it, and perhaps gradually to abolish it, will be to give all the freedom and fair play to the faculties of the human mind, which, ever busy, will be doing either good or evil, which the natural advantages possessed by these townships, entitle their inhabitants to enjoy. The House of Assembly are going on in a most praiseworthy career in this respect, and in granting not only all that justice requires, but even extra privileges to the townships, they will not only be pursuing the dictates of general policy, and benevolence, but will be advancing their own interests, and consolidating their own rights, by refuting the accusations of neglect, that have been heaped upon them in that respect, and conciliating the affection and opinions, of a population, whose prosperity, from their geographical situation, can not but be an essential object to the Canadians, into whatever situation future events may throw them. But to effect this, the co-operation of the British government is necessary: it is not only for counterfeiting, but likewise for smuggling, that the borderers on the lines are celebrated. The chief articles that are smuggled into Canada, are teas, India piece goods, silks, and tobacco; and I am perfectly convinced that, if the object was thoroughly investigated, the supposed advantages derived to the East-India Company, and to the mother-country, by the prohibitory regulations respecting teas and India goods, would, even in a pecuniary point of view, either wholly fade away, or be reduced to such insignificance, when set against the profits, and advantages of a free trade in them, and the consequent increase of population and capital, that would accrue at every convenient station for transit, that, at