

facilities would be created for Her Majesty's subjects to hold direct intercourse and trade with the mother country through Canada or Columbia instead of being obliged as at present to pass out viâ the United States or round it, or spend the produce of their capital in that country thereby enriching a foreign kingdom,—a line of depots would be formed, and resources in the existence of Christian Settlements would be developed, whence to draw all needful supplies and assistance for further discoveries in those vast regions, and for overtaking the same with Christian Settlement and for the spread of light and knowledge to the remotest sections of that continent. The writer has conversed much in the country with those who are acquainted with Rainy River and those parts, and he believes it to be as described herein; and he has also seen and handled the gold, both as mixed with Sand and as separated from it by Quicksilver, which has been discovered on the Saskatchewan; and from the accounts given him of other wealth† in that country, he has no doubt, that if Great Britain

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†It is singular to notice that whilst the writer is finishing the above passage a paper from abroad reaches him with the intelligence, that the Hon. Mr. Ramsay, a member of the U. S. Senate, has just proposed to the Committee on Foreign Relations, that the Indian or Hudson's Bay territory should be incorporated into the Union : "that Canada with the consent of Great Britain, shall cede to the United States