

from the militia stage, and 'shortly accomplish entire self-reliance for defence in arsenals and manufactories of their own.' When that state of things arrives Canada will be an independent nation.

A government establishment for the manufacture of small arm ammunition; the construction of an arsenal of the second class, under the guns at Quebec; the covering of Windsor with an efficient battalion; the creation of three permanent battalions of infantry to be employed alternately in Canada and Great Britain; the affiliation of the Canadian with the royal army; the enrollment of a considerable portion of the ten thousand men engaged in the seal fishery of Newfoundland into a naval reserve, and their engagement in drill during the idle time of winter; the construction of a graving dock on the Pacific, are recommended. 'There is an impression,' we are told, 'that every dependency of the Crown that has responsible government and is in a position to have defensive forces, ought to be moved to take part in the military and naval defences of the empire at large;' and it is added that Canada is expected to take the lead and set the example. Canada is urged at once to form an imperial reserve. This reserve the Adjutant-General wants formed of 'farmers' sons, farm laborers, mechanics and tradesmen's families;' he will have none of the 'loose and nomad population of towns,' whom he pronounces 'worthless.' Canadian farmers' sons will probably think they can put their time to better use than in holding themselves ready to fight battles with which they have no concern, in any part of the world."

That is also our opinion, and British officers who look upon Canadians as a lot of hirelings, ready to fight England's battles abroad at a shilling a day, are badly mistaken. If the 36,000,000 of the British Isles have not pluck enough to fill the ranks of their small army they need not look to Canada for substitutes.

We are all ready to shoulder a musket in the defence of Canadian interests, but no amount of money will ever induce a true Canadian to play the part of a