

won from us by men whose choice approves their taste; we shall miss the welcome presence of a grave and respectable soldiery; our farmers' daughters will lose many good husbands, and the country a wealth of useful settlers, but we shall be thrown upon our own resources; we shall gain a priceless amount of self-reliance, and the moneys now expended on the accommodation of Her Majesty's troops will be applied to promote the efficiency of our own militia. In time of peace Canada can protect herself from marauders; her college boys have done so already, and have died in the doing of it. In time of peace she will prepare for war, and should war ever come, she will be able to hold her own until England comes to her aid. The fleets of England will then be the real succor of Canada. A squadron of iron-clads appearing on the Atlantic sea-board would draw off every invading soldier from the Canadian frontier, for the defence of Portland and Boston and New York and Philadelphia; while swarms of gun-boats, swift, heavily armed and invulnerable, would cover our coasts from the mouth of the St. Croix to St. John's, Newfoundland, and from the Straits of Belle Isle to the foot of the falls of Niagara.

Let England, therefore, if such is her interest, withdraw every soldier from the Dominion; but let us understand one another beyond all peradventure. Let us know what we have to do, and the way to do it will be found. If Halifax and Quebec, Montreal, Kingston and Toronto, are to be left to the safe-guard of their own people, so be it. They are prepared for fresh efforts and new sacrifices. Having chosen their part boldly, they will perform it thoughtfully. Mind, as well as body, intellect, as well as thews and sinews, will be called into exercise to develope and make intelligible their means of defence, to enable them not only to defend their country but to defend it to the best advantage. They will soon learn how to counter-balance supericrity of numbers