

Although Canada has been compelled to incur great expense, and her progress has been seriously interrupted and retarded, yet all is, perhaps, more than compensated by the spirit of patriotism which has been aroused, and of self-reliance which has been implanted, resulting in an army of volunteers, not large, indeed, but well disciplined, and as brave, intelligent and patriotic, as any age or country has yet been able to boast of. In them Canada has the nucleus of a large and fine army, should her circumstances ever require it, which event, however, may God in His goodness long forefend.

I remain,

Your Excellency's humble servant,

JOHN O'CONNOR.

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