

a naval power, and, therefore, can never protect her commerce against the weakest maritime nation in Europe. Canada consequently requires precisely that protection which the naval superiority of Britain has power to impart.

Putting, therefore, out of the question all feelings of loyalty, and all obligations of duty, Canada, and our other North American Colonies, well know, that if their independence were granted to them they could not maintain it, and consequently that they have no alternative but to continue the favoured Colonies of Great Britain, protected by her fleets and armies, and participating freely in her trade, aided by her capital; or to become a member of that unfortunate mixture of freedom and slavery which characterizes the American confederacy.

As the British Crown has already ceded to Canada the whole of her casual and territorial revenues, together with all her church and other lands, and as the Government is virtually entirely in the hands of the people, who, by an act of the three branches of their Legislature, can almost constitutionally proclaim their separation from their parent country, whenever they choose, there exists no necessity for "rebellion," and consequently, on the part of England, no necessity to provide against it.

The only enemy to assail them are the people of the United States; and as these people are peaceably engrossed in commerce,—as they do not fortify their frontiers,—as they scarcely maintain any army,—as their thriving cities on the inland lakes and on their seaboard are not disfigured by guns or fortresses,—and as they well know that an invasion by them of Canada would bring war upon their vessels and commercial cities throughout the aqueous surface of the globe, it might be deemed invidious for Canada to provide, to any extent, hostile defence; for, not only are Canada and the United States, by their joint railways, inland navigation, and "through traffic," bound by an enormous penalty to keep the peace, but as, in case of war with Great Britain, the latter, on their seaboard and Canadian frontier, would lose so much more than England, by attacking cities with fire and sword,