

Paris Exhibition,—the good results of which projects need not be insisted upon.

If I allude to these matters here, it is not from mere feeling of vanity, but rather from a pardonable, and, I think, laudable pride in being associated with such undertakings, and with a view also of suggesting to those who are disposed to blame what they call my pertinacity in advocating the great projects referred to in the this letter, that these projects deserve careful consideration, and are based upon facts and arguments which, I believe, will recommend themselves sooner or later to the judgment of all who will take the trouble to examine them with attention, and which have already received the support of many of the most intelligent merchants in this city. It may turn out years hence, that the justice and prudence of the course which I have urged, and shall continue to press upon the Government and the public, in respect of the necessity of at once enlarging our Harbour accommodation and the Welland Canal, and of constructing the Caughnawaga Canal, will be as plain and palpable, as in the cases above referred to. If the views entertained by me as to the position and capabilities of Montreal referred to are incorrect and those mentioned by Mr. Trautwine and Mr. Blackwell are well-founded, I freely admit that it would be the extreme of folly to engage in any expensive Dock Improvements, and it is equally clear that the expenditure in Lake St. Peter has been made to very little purpose, and that the merchants in Montreal must be content to receive the merest fraction of the great trade of the West, and to see the stream of commerce constantly diverted from the natural Water Channel connecting the Lake with the ocean.

Before acquiescing in such a result, it appears to me that far more convincing arguments, and better considered figures and facts are required than those I have been commenting upon, and that the citizens of Montreal should examine with the greatest possible attention, the views advanced on the great projects now under consideration, and decide upon their real merits.

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