

MONTREAL.

Citadel as recommended by the Commissioners in 1825.

Sorel
Island of St. Helen's
Chambly
St. John's
Ile aux Noix
Chateaugay
Cascades

} As stated by the Engineer now in Canada.

KINGSTON.

The towers and redoubts as stated by the Engineer.

NIAGARA.

Toronto Short Hills.—As recommended by the Engineer.

AMHERSTBURG.

Fortress, and the detached works as recommended by the Engineer.

If however Her Majesty's Government should, upon due consideration, determine that the expense of all these works is too great in the aggregate, in such case there should seem to be no alternative but to omit the larger works, and to construct those of smaller dimensions and of inferior description; and I must here express my entire concurrence in the opinion of Sir Richard Jackson, that no dependence upon the decided superiority of our troops, and arrangements made for defence connected with them, should lead us to neglect the construction and completion of permanent works calculated for the protection of the points of most importance to us; and that if works for the protection of Canada are to be constructed, they should be of a permanent description, as being the most effectual for the object in view, and best calculated not only for present purposes, but to meet adequately future contingencies, and ultimately therefore the most economical to the parent state.

In conclusion, if Her Majesty's Government should be induced for these reasons to direct the construction of works of an imposing and important character, or of any other works, the question of providing competent garrisons for them naturally comes under their notice, and the following observations are submitted for consideration:

A large effective regular force will become indispensable in Canada.

This force may be essentially assisted by the native population of the Province, and which may be brought forward upon the general principle of militia.

Every male between the ages of sixteen and sixty should be registered for military service in the nature of a local militia, but not to be called from their district except in the event of invasion.

From this population so registered, a certain proportion, as may be determined upon, should be clothed, armed, appointed, and embodied as a moveable militia, and this part of the armed population may be placed in the different garrisons in aid of the regular army.

This should seem to be the ruling principle, the details for the working of which may be subsequently considered.

(Signed) HILL.