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the usurpation of power by Riel, the march of General Wolseley to Fort Garry, and the thrilling narrative of Captain Butler's own experiences in a country that is most assuredly destined to be a source of strength to the Dominion, and of wealth to the Central and Maritime Provinces. The Appendix to the work gives most valuable information as to the possibility and probability of successful colonization in the country that has been for so long under the control of the Hudson's Bay Company, whose isolated stations have hitherto been the only neuclei of civilization. Of the cause of the revolt in the Red River Country, of the behaviour of the half-castes, of the influence of the French element, of the attitude of the United States—in short, of the politics of this particular country —I shall be silent, as foreign to my subject.

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The question of future advantage to Great Britain that accrues from every settler in America is one that is not easy of solution. Statistics have shown that every adult does bring a balance of custom in favour of the home country, and the amount of remittances in money that has been sent home by settlers in Canada as stated from official sources, exclusive of private sources, was not far short of a million in the year 1870. This proves that more than a fair living can be earned in a country whose climate is decried, and whose resources are undoubtedly not yet fully developed. Valuable information on these subjects may be gathered from the late Mr. Marshall's very able book on "The Canadian Dominion."

The subjects of education and freedom of religion are so well known here that it will be needless for us to draw the attention of my reader to them; we might, however, take a useful lesson from our Transatlantic brethren in the matter of the former. The vitality of the Press is great; though it is not on a level with that of the United States, and far behind the old country in stability and genuine worth. The present Patent Laws are behind the age, and must sooner or later be altered to enable the Canadians to compete with other countries: at present an inventor who wishes to work a patent must have lived a year in the Dominion before he is