

of powerful and ambitious nations. What would Canada be were she now under the yoke of or in alliance with the United States, where every box of matches is charged one cent for the support of the Government? Where if you should like to wear a gold watch, you must pay a yearly tax for doing so, and where, if a poor man owns a cow, he must put her into pasture, for according to the law in the State of New York, he cannot allow her to go on the road under a penalty of \$5. I think the time has come when men's minds should be made alive to the matter, and when as one man, Canadians should say to each other, let us be prepared for the worst. Think of it as you may, as the strength of a family is in the unity of its members, so the strength of a nation is in her entire unity. Canada is now in alliance with a country whose empire is the greatest this world ever saw, and whose proud position, is that in working out reform she gave her money for the liberation of the slaves. Let parents, therefore, encourage their children in their desire to defend the homes of their youth, and while mothers and sisters would willingly sacrifice their all rather than have the manly youth of Canada slain in defence of their country, yet let the encouragement be that rather than any band of Fenians are allowed to come into the Dominion they will give even to the last son and brother for that. The fact is the being prepared is the great guarantee against any raid or any Fenian army coming into Canada. Timely preparation will do more than anything else. I therefore advise that every young man who can by any possibility attend to his drill and give his attention to it should at once enroll himself. There is an old proverb, and I find in travelling it holds good, and that proverb is, "God helps the man that helps himself;" and if that same proverb be true there can be no harm in being prepared, but much good; do then apply yourselves dilligently to the work.— Let every encouragement be given both by individuals and the government to the youth of the Dominion, that they may be loyal and patriotic. In a country such as this is, great inducements can be held out to loyal subjects, and we would propose a scheme whereby the government and the people would be benefited. In our humble opinion, the government should at once set about