

intercourse with the different localities of which we desire and pray that the new County of St. Johns may be formed, it would never have thought of forming a new Conniy of Lacolle; but would at once have done what reason and the well understood interests of St. John's and the neighboring country required. For the union of different localities into a County, pre-supposes and ought always to allow of a union of interests, resulting from the respective positions of the localities, and of the amount of intercourse with one another. And this is precisely the case with the parts of the Country of which the County of St. John would consist. They have each a soil, and a system of cultivation, exactly alike in both; they observe and study each others agricultural improvements in order to turn them to account; their improvements in stock are inter-communicated and made common; their lands are watered by the same streams, and drained by the same water courses or discharges; their road-labor is in common; everywhere they meet and cross each other on their public roads, and they enjoy as they ever will enjoy together, the improvements now made and those which remain to be made. But it is particularly at St. Johns that they see and meet each other incessantly, in the pursuit of their various affairs and for the supply of their various wants. At St. Johns they buy and sell in a market which brings them into direct intercourse with the markets of the United States, and which gives to them the advantage of selling at a price as high, if not higher, and at the same time of buying as cheaply all they require as in any other market in Canada. It is natural, therefore, that these sections of the Country should aim at forming a closer connection, by uniting themselves with St. Johns, and by endeavouring at the same time to render St. Johns, more and more their common centre of business. For this reason, these localities considering it not enough that they trade with St. Johns, there seek justice and legal advice, sell their produce and purchase their sup-