

“garrisons becoming a monopoly of the merchants, who also
“are millers, land-owners, mortgagees and retailers; to obtain
“a circulating medium in money or its value, and to reduce the
“transport on the St. Lawrence, may be reckoned as three dis-
“tinct and important objects in which the welfare of every in-
“dividual of the province of Upper Canada is particularly
“concerned, on which its general prosperity depends, and
“with which, viewed in its political relations with Great Britain,
“are connected the welfare and strength of the Empire beyond
“all powers of calculation.”

The upshot of the whole matter is that Simcoe has a scheme to propose which will, he is sure, not only remove all existing difficulties, but bring indefinite prosperity to Canada and through it to the whole empire. The suggestion for this scheme, he tells the Lords of Trade, was obtained while he was stationed in Virginia during the Revolutionary War, where he observed that notes, issued on the receipt of tobacco, were employed as a circulating medium in the colony. This was, indeed, practically the same system, in a more developed colony, as that of which he complains in Upper Canada. However, starting from this suggestion, he has worked out quite an elaborate state scheme, which may best be given in his own words:—

“It is proposed that the province of Upper Canada
“should be furnished with a certain sum of money for the pur-
“poses hereafter specified. That this sum should be replaced
“to Great Britain, if thought expedient, by the produce of the
“sale of part of the lands bordering Lake Erie; that the sum
“of money so to be raised should be vested in certain trustees.
“That these trustees should be members of the Executive, or
“Legislative Councils, and other of the principal inhabitants.

“That under the superintendence of the trustees, regula-
“tions and rules should be formed for the improvement of the
“manufacture of flour, the staple commodity of His Majesty’s
“province of Upper Canada.

“That so soon as circumstances shall admit no other flour
“shall be purchased by the agent or commissaries but such as
“shall be manufactured agreeably to the above mentioned re-
“gulations and rules.