

TO THE EDITOR OF THE BRITISH COLONIST.

SIR,—Doubts seem to have arisen in the minds of some persons as to my meaning in reference to a portion of the plan for the Federative Union of the British North American Colonies, suggested in my letter to you of last week, which I now take the liberty of explaining. It is thought I intended, in the event of the proposed Federation being formed, that the union between Upper and Lower Canada should nevertheless continue as at present. Such was not my intention. Upon the proposed Federation taking place, the union between the two Canadas should at once be dissolved, and these Provinces should be restored to the same position which they respectively held before that period; except, indeed, it may be thought prudent so to extend the boundaries of Upper Canada as to include in it the eastern townships of Lower Canada, which are almost entirely settled by inhabitants of British origin.

Another great advantage to be derived from the Federation I propose, and which I did not mention in my first letter, is, that by such an arrangement a vaster and more extensive field, than has heretofore existed, would be opened for the genius and talents of the youth of these Provinces. Hitherto the exertions of public men have been confined within the limits of contracted localities; but now, as every avenue of learning is thrown open to the young men of the country, and the opportunity of obtaining a liberal education is far greater than it was a few years ago, a more extended stage for action should be afforded to them. The plan I propose offers that great advantage, and I venture to predict, in the event of its being carried out, that in the course of a very few years, statesmen will spring up in British North America who would be considered an honour and a credit to any country.

Your obedient servant,

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