

defences in other sections of Upper Canada, such as the mouth of the Ouse, the Rondeau, the St. Clair near Sarnia, Penetanguishine, and also Chatham as the centre of operations for the west. If I may with propriety, and without offence to the Ordnance Department, venture to say so, I should very much like to know what has become of all those good intentions, as well as of certain requisitions which were forwarded by Sir George Arthur, in 1839 or 1840, to the Commander of the Forces and the Secretary at War, for Arms and Equipments fully complete for 10,000 Militia Infantry of Upper Canada, 1,000 Cavalry, and 300 Artillery? If they are in the country at all, well and good so far, but it is doubted; be that as it may, it would be but a small supply. there ought to be three that quantity for Upper Canada alone, and the same quantity for Lower Canada, a portion of which should be kept at every fortified place ready for distribution when they are wanted, which would be better than keeping them exclusively at Quebec and Kingston, and they would be equally safe and well taken care of at all times. Among the defences of Canada, I hope we shall soon be able to reckon the Grand Trunk Railway from Halifax to Quebec, which is about to be undertaken, as it assuredly will be a highly important military work, although I have no doubt but that the commerce of the British Provinces was the mainspring of the undertaking. It will strengthen and facilitate the defence of Canada more, in all probab-