

a nation, our statesmen must handle the great questions of home manufactures and colonization without gloves, and thus infuse new life and vigour into every branch of industry.

It is urged by some that all we require is more foreign capital, but what judicious capitalist will invest his means in Canadian manufactures, which cannot be sold beyond the narrow limits of his own country, while he is exposed even here to the competition of older and wealthier nations? Give us, we say, free access to the markets of the western states, or failing that, give us a reasonable amount of protection in our own markets, and the progress Canada has made even amid all the difficulties of her position warrant us in asserting that her future prosperity will be equal to that of any other country.

England, as well as Canada, is deeply interested in this matter; the passage of emigrants over our railroads may give them a limited amount of business, but never, till the maritime and manufacturing advantages of the eastern province, and the agricultural and mineral wealth of the western, are more fully developed, will the immense sums spent in Canadian investments yield adequate returns. In connection with this subject the evidence of G. Benjamin, Esq., M.P.P., given before the Committee appointed to enquire into the causes of emigration, is of much importance, and we present it to our readers without abridgment as follows:—

“1st. Have you any Iron ore beds in your County?”

We have; the two most important are Marmora and Madoc. The latter is not at work, and I shall therefore confine my observations to the former.

2nd. Are the beds extensive?

They are very extensive, and in my opinion may be said to contain several million tons of ore above the level of the water. Some have computed the quantity of ore above the level of the water at 50,000,000 of tons. It is a magnetic ore. We have also large quantities of Bog ore. The magnetic ore yields from 75 to 85 per cent.

3rd. What is its quality?

The iron produced at the Marmora works is similar in quality, and certainly equal to the best Swedish and Russian irons. The Marmora Iron Company can certainly, with perfect confidence, recommend it to those requiring a superior article, and the facilities they expect to obtain, will enable them to offer their productions at prices competing with imported articles. The Marmora Iron Company are now prepared to execute orders for *Railway Axles, Connecting Rods, Mill Shafts, Piston Rods, Cross Heads, Engine Shafts*, at their works, from *Cord Blast Charcoal Pig Metal*; and they are constantly manufacturing *superior Charcoal Bar Iron*.

At the World's Fair in England, this iron, which was exhibited both in the *ore* and *pig* by Sir William Logan, the Canadian Geologist, was declared to be the best ever seen or produced for the manufacture of machinery. I have frequently conversed with American Iron Masters upon the quality of the Iron Ore at Marmora, and they informed me that no such iron can be found in their mines for the purposes of machinery.

4th. Do you propose to extend the present works?

It is proposed to erect additional Blast Furnaces at a cost exceeding £13,000, and these will enable the Company to produce 25,000 tons of pig