

Great Britain and Ireland. Or comparing ourselves with other Provinces, Ontario is ten times as large as Nova Scotia, about eight times as large as New Brunswick and one hundred times as large as Prince Edward Island. Or comparing ourselves with our neighbors to the south, Ontario is larger by 40,000 square miles than the North Atlantic States—Maine, New Hampshire, Vermont, Massachusetts, Rhode Island, Connecticut, New York and Pennsylvania. Even our inland lakes are greater than many of the kingdoms over which European monarchs rule, and when we consider the majestic sweep of such rivers as the St. Lawrence on our southern boundaries, with its connections 2,384 miles long ; or the Saskatchewan that ploughs our prairies midway a distance of 1,712 miles ; or the Mackenzie, dropping into the Arctic Ocean after flowing a distance of 2,400 miles through Canadian territory, a slight idea may be formed of the vastness of our Dominion. We have mountains grander than Alps or Appenines—mountains that can look down from their serene heights upon the eternal snows of Mont Blanc. Were all the classic mountains of Greece—Olympus, Ossa and Pelion—piled one upon another they would be as pigmies in the presence of the smallest of the Sierras that buttress our western boundary. We have forests which the avaricious eye of the lumberman has not yet seen, and which no reporter has yet described ; and we have mineral resources, the value of which no assayist has yet been able to determine. Our agricultural wealth is only limited by the demands of humanity for the staff of life, and our “harvests of the deep,” as McGee called them, by the courage and industry of our fishermen. So generous has our great patroness,