

is really desirable would be fully accomplished, if adequate security could be taken for maintaining the connexion between the two Countries as Members of the same Monarchy—if the outlet for poor emigrants could be kept open—and if those commercial interests which may be supposed to depend upon the colonial character of the Canadas, of New Brunswick, and of Nova Scotia, could be protected.

In pursuing these objects, no measure could be prudently taken with a view to it's effect upon a single Province only. The interests of the whole are so complicated with each other, that for any such purpose they must be regarded as one great community.

No settlement of the existing controversies is fit to be adopted which would provide nothing better than a momentary respite from existing embarrassments. A short truce which had no tendency to bring about an abiding pacification, would rather exasperate than cure the disorder.

The population of British North America is not less than 1,200,000 souls. They are already assuming a distinct National character ; and the day cannot be very remote when an Independence, first real, and then avowed, will take the place of the present subjection of these Provinces to the British Crown. The tendency to this result might easily be proved, if proof were necessary. But for the present purpose the existence of that tendency is assumed, with a view to the remark that the event is and from which it would be equally unwise and useless