

INTRODUCTION.

Only indisputable facts, conjoined with the most conclusive arguments, could have the power to change the political proclivities of a descendant of the Canadian pioneers, who fought against the United States in 1812, and the Canadian Rebels in 1837-8.

The expatriation of my kindred first caused me to dare to think. Ten years ago the writer received a sudden summons to attend the funeral of his favorite uncle, the last of his generation. He left a widow and six stalwart sons. These sons were prosperous American citizens, scattered from Florida to Montana. I stood at his grave, the only male representative of our numerous race, born in Canada. Standing there I determined to ascertain the cause of the expatriation of my kin, and to do my utmost to apply the remedy.

Rare opportunities for investigation were afforded me. I travelled from Newfoundland to our North West, visiting every city and almost every hamlet in our Dominion.

Many of our mines revealed to me their wealth. I travelled thousands of miles in our lumber forests, and assisted in drawing in seines on all our great lakes. The language of our farms is to me a mother tongue. I know and love Canada.

After years of study, the conclusion unwillingly arrived at was:—The exile of my countrymen is caused by *Continental Isolation*. The remedy followed as a logical sequence.

I believe this little treatise only embodies in words the unspoken thoughts of many of my cautious, patient and unobtrusive fellow-citizens; men tenacious of old ideas; slow to move, but once convinced impossible to change or intimidate. This treatise is a partial summary of my observations and conclusions. It is small; but doubtless some wish it were smaller; disjointed, having been written in time spared from business; incomplete, dozens of volumes would leave the subject unexhausted; but such as it is, kindly extend to it your perusal and consideration.

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To all Canadian Patriots, and especially to the descendants of our Pioneers, I dedicate this little work.