

SUGGESTIONS
ON THE
MILITARY RESOURCES OF CANADA.

At a moment when the great Powers of Europe are mustering their forces and counting their means of attack and defence, in expectation of their being called upon, if not immediately, at no distant period, to take part in a general European war, it may be of some importance to England to point out to her how she could avail herself of resources now employed in those colonies, which Mr. M'Culloch and others of the Cobden school have described as pernicious encumbrances in times of peace, and as unfailing sources of weakness in times of war. Of the colonies, which have been thus slandered, the British North American provinces stand first in regard to their position, their means, and their willingness to aid the mother country in the hour of trial; and, now that that hour may be near, it is no less due to Canada and her sister provinces, than it is to England, to make known their condition and disposition, which place those resources at the disposal of the latter.

These provinces now contain a population, sprung from the two most enterprising races of Europe, considerably larger than that of Denmark, or the population of other States which have occupied an important place in European affairs; they have an overflowing and a rapidly increasing public revenue, while they exhibit throughout their wide extent a most extraordinary amount of individual enterprise and prosperity; their general advancement is going on, by the construction of railroads, by the gradual development of their magnificent resources, and by the pouring in of immigrants and capital consequent upon their present state of political quiet, at a speed never yet exceeded in any portion of the United States; and there is not one question of any moment unsettled, one matter of serious dispute existing between them and England; this state of their relations to the mother