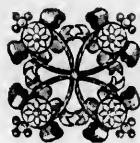


Her weakness consists in her length of frontier, and in the narrowness of the cultivated district. The forests which close her in on the north, could give no shelter to a beaten army, and no retreat to a flying population. Mountainous districts have enabled small nations to withstand far superior numbers, but, as in Switzerland, the Tyrol, and even among the Atlas Mountains, these mountains contained vallies, capable of supplying food, whereas the Canadian forests are desert and uninhabitable.

A sound system of defence, on which a military organization may be based is the ground-work of national security. This system Canada partially possesses, and I have little doubt but that in the hands of her patriotic statesmen, assisted by the able officer placed by H. R. H., the Commander-in-chief, at the disposal of the Dominion Government it will be improved and perfected.



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