

This, then, is the state of the question. We are in possession of a fine country, finely situated, with inexhaustible natural resources, and capabilities for supporting three times its present population. We have a few very rich men, a greater number that are moderately so, but who are unable or unwilling to use their means for creating manufactures, or providing profitable and encouraging employment to the surplus youth of the general body of the people. The material is confessedly there, but is lying unused from want of appliances, to our great loss. If we continue as we are, politically isolated, from every thing we can see, this state of things must continue also—a state which many an affectionate head of a family, in every county throughout the Province, laments every day of his life.

THE DIFFICULTY AND ITS REMEDY.

I now come to consider the remedy for this, or rather whether a Union of these British North American Provinces holds out a reasonable prospect of such a remedy. We have felt the weakness arising out of isolation, and how helpless we are, as individual Provinces, against the hostile commercial legislation of the United States; and every one must feel that, should the Government of that country persevere in a system of prohibitory duties, and Nova Scotia continue as she is, a most formidable bar will be placed against her commercial progress. United to the other Provinces, acting together as one people, by bringing our influence, our energy and resources to bear in one direction, and for one common object, the result would be widely different. The population of the united Provinces is at this moment close upon four millions of people, with an area of country in round numbers of 400,000 square miles. The natural resources of the Provinces may be said to be at once inexhaustible in extent, and invaluable in character. They possess within themselves every element of future greatness and prosperity. No country in the world stands before Canada for agricultural capabilities, while she possesses some 280,000 square miles of forest, containing the finest descriptions of timber. Her mines of copper are of great value, and her inland fisheries of vast importance. New Brunswick possesses great lumbering and manufacturing resources. While to Nova Scotia appertain both the advantage