

reign (Charles III.) two ships of war, one of them of 120 guns, and lent the court of Madrid £200,000, which was never repaid, and the sweepings of the royal mint in the City of Mexico produced the sum of 20,000 dollars, the rooms not having been swept for 20 years. Yet all this immense wealth, of which these instances are but specimens, has vanished, and in the vicinity of the richest mines the people in general are the most wretched of their species. But in our virgin soil we have a

mine of wealth that will pour forth its treasures with undiminished flow for ages, each returning season renewing its pristine vigour and fertility. We have only to fill the land with our industrious countrymen, and maintain those principles which conduct a people to the summit of earthly glory, in order to render Canada prosperous, powerful and free, reposing with conscious pride and delightful security under the mighty ægis of her Parent State.

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