

to the Parent State, a corrective to a redundant population, an extension of its commerce and a market for its manufactures: to the man with capital, who finds in a country abounding with it a difficulty in securing a profitable investment, it affords opportunities of a rapid increase without the risks of speculation; while to the emigrant, destitute of capital—or rather possessing only that best and safest of capitals, industry and health, it has proved to thousands, a blessed change from indigence to independence; and will so continue to all who do not ensure their disappointment by the unreasonableness of their expectations. Its advantages are equally obvious to the country which by its vast resources and natural treasures, affords a field for the enterprise of the one class, and a reward for the industry of the other.

“The Association is cheered and supported by perceiving how rapidly this conviction has lately extended throughout England, Scotland, and Ireland; where men, the highest in rank and in wealth, judging accurately from previous results, have benevolently united themselves in Societies to enable their poorer fellow subjects to participate in the benefits of colonization: and it is mainly with a view to co-operate with those patriotic bodies, that the present Association has been formed—convinced as the members are, that, however active individual benevolence may be, its effects may be greatly increased by combination and unity of purpose. If any sanction were wanting to persons entertaining doubts of the practical good and the national importance of the subject, it will be found in the elaborate Report of the House of Commons, and in the several resolutions and earnest addresses of our Provincial Legislature.

“There never was a period in the history of the Province, when the exertions of an Association like the present could promise such happy results. Great public works have been accomplished for the facilitating of social intercourse, and the transport of commodities—works which would be deemed great in any country upon earth—the Welland, the Rideau, and other artificial navigations, connecting our inland seas with each other, and with the ocean;—macadamized roads are intersecting the province in every direction;—other extensive works of the same kind, together with railroads, are either in the course of construction or intended to be constructed;—the statistics of the country and the inexhaustible capabilities of the land are become thoroughly known; and above all the country is at peace, within and without, and men by common consent, are uniting by a laudable attention to private good, to swell the aggregate of public prosperity.

“The Executive government too is actively at work for the good of those under its protection, especially in the forming of roads and rendering some of the most fertile tracts in the country accessible for settlement. It is making preparations on a grand scale for those who choose to avail themselves of its paternal aid.—But great as is its power, and wise and benevolent as they may be who wield it, there is still a vast amount of good connected with the colonization of this