

PREFACE.

his book abounds in absurd errors and unfair comments. It is the dumping ground of all the rubbish published on the American side of the question. Its spirit is very bad, and I doubt whether such a book would meet with favor even in the United States at the present day.

While we must all rejoice at the success of the British arms in the war of 1812, we must equally lament the necessity which required so many of the peaceful and industrious people of Canada to arm themselves and go forth to battle. The glories of war are a delusion, and the advocate of a "strenuous life" which embraces the slaughter of human beings is a dangerous fool. Let us hope that we have seen the last of the ravages of war on the soil of Canada, and that the time is near at hand when all civilized nations will find a better way of settling their differences than by the arbitrament of battle.

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