

amount per head of the population will not be so great as it was five years ago. (Hear, hear.) I wish the House to remember that the taxation, if carried out to the uttermost extent I have indicated, will not place so heavy a burthen on the people as they bore five years ago. It is otherwise distributed, but it will not be larger per head.—It will be less. At the same time we have not seen that the burden which the country carried five years ago in any way retarded its progress. Nor do I believe that what we now do will hereafter affect its settlement; the maintenance and extension of our educational and judicial systems, are objects far too valuable to be sacrificed on account of any temporary difficulty we may feel in paying the taxation necessary to provide for them. (Hear, hear.) I have no idea that the progress of Upper Canada will be in any way arrested or impeded. I look forward with perfect confidence that at the end of the next decade the progress of that section of our country will be much greater than it has been. I know that in the race of progress Upper Canada will hold her own; but I believe also, sir, that the next ten years will see a great and marked change in Lower Canada. (Hear, hear.) If we look back to ten years ago, we shall find that the mind of Lower Canada was not awakened to the great importance of the settlement of the country. But we now see the intelligence of Lower Canada awake and active in the endeavor to bring here the emigrant and the settler to fill its fertile fields with industrious laborers. And I believe that if the progress of Upper Canada continues as it has, the progress of Lower Canada will be even better. (Hear.) I do hope, sir, that whatever may betide, whatever circumstances may arise, we shall see on all sides, and in both sections, only generous emulation as to which shall be first in the race of progress, first in intelligence, and first in maintaining the honor and dignity of the country. (Hear, hear.)