

924—Mr. McGregor's opinion that the revenue would be increased £1,000,000, by an alteration of the present duty and adopting the scale he proposes, is merely the opinion of one individual, and ought only to be taken for what it is worth. Others equally as competent to form a correct judgment as Mr. McGregor, are of a contrary opinion.

931—Mr. McGregor asserts that the nursery for British seamen, furnished by our Colonial timber trade, would not be injured by putting an end to it, if the restrictions on the Colonial import trade were removed; as the Colonial mercantile navy would increase by the removal of these restrictions, and thereby make a nursery for seamen in itself.

If the present trade in timber were destroyed, 1000 ships, averaging 400 tons each, would be thrown out of employment. The Colonial mercantile navy might perhaps be kept up to 300 ships, averaging 100 tons each, and how far they would form what is meant by a nursery for seamen, Mr. McGregor would find it difficult to explain.

931—Mr. McGregor says that New Brunswick alone would suffer loss from a change of the timber duties, in consequence of her Saw Mill establishments being so much more extensive than elsewhere.

The Saw Mill establishments in Canada, it would be easy to prove, are much more extensive than those of New Brunswick; a fact that Mr. McGregor's residence in *all* the Colonies, ought to have informed him of.

939—Mr. McGregor says the timber trade of these Colonies is of consequence to New Brunswick only, including a few Houses in Quebec and Montreal; and yet this monstrous assertion remains uncontradicted.

There is no person who has resided a short time in Canada and has acquired any knowledge of its trade, but must be convinced that so far from this being true, the interest, the welfare and happiness of the great bulk of the population, amounting to 1,200,000, and its very existence as a British Province, depend solely and entirely on a continuance of the timber trade, a stoppage of which would spread ruin and desolation throughout the

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