

able to keep up her communications with the Canadas at all times and seasons. However powerful England may be at sea, no navy could save Canada from a land force.

"Its conquest and annexation are freely spoken of in the United States, even on the floors of Congress.

"Weakness invites aggression, and as the railway would be a lever of power by which Great Britain could bring her strength to bear in the contest, it is not improbable that its construction would be the means of preventing a war at some no distant period.

"The expense of one year's war would pay for a railway two or three times over."

Many more appropriate extracts could be made from this valuable Report, showing the high opinion entertained by Major Robinson of this great work, after he had been some years in the country, and studied its existing and undeveloped resources; but being unwilling to trespass too much upon your valuable columns, I will conclude with the following extract from the Report of Lord Durham in 1839:—

"These interests are, indeed, of great magnitude, and on the course which your Majesty and your Parliament may adopt with respect to the North American colonies will depend the future destinies, not only of the million and a half of your Majesty's subjects who at present inhabit those provinces, but of that vast population which those ample and fertile territories are fit and destined hereafter to support. No portion of the American continent possesses greater natural resources for the maintenance of large and flourishing communities. An almost boundless range of the richest soil still remains unsettled, and may be rendered available for the purposes of agriculture. The wealth of inexhaustible forests of the best timber in America, and of extensive regions of the most valuable minerals, have as yet been scarcely touched. Along the whole line of sea coast, around each island, and in every river, are to be found the greatest and richest fisheries in the world. The best fuel and the most abundant water power are available for the coarser manufactures, for which an easy and certain market will be found. Trade with other continents is favoured by the possession of a large number of safe and capacious harbours; long, deep, and numerous rivers, and vast inland seas, supply the means of easy intercourse, and the structure of the country generally, affords the utmost facility for every species of communication by land. Unbounded materials of agriculture, commercial and manufacturing industry, are there. It depends upon the present decision of the Imperial Legislature to determine for whose benefit they are to be rendered available. The country which has founded and maintained these colonies at a vast expense of blood and treasure may justly expect its compensation in turning their unappropriated resources to the account of its redundant population; they are the rightful patrimony of the English people—the ample appanage which God and nature have set aside in the new world for those whose lot has assigned but insufficient portions in the old."

I am, Sir, your obedient Servant,

ALEXANDER DOULL.

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