

bound to defend it, and small praise would be due to you for so doing.—But, unhappily you don't do it, and never did, and it is well known never will. Of all countries in the world, don't talk of defending New Brunswick! Did the English Government protect it when they sent out Lord Ashburton to settle the boundary line with the United States; who, with a full knowledge of the absurdity of the American claim, with a stroke of his pen surrendered one-third of the province, (and that portion too which included its best timber land), together with a district that in one place embraced both sides of the river, and so confused the boundary, that the settlers in the upper part of the province have to pass through American territory to reach their own capital? Not content with thus disregarding their just territorial rights, he actually gave them the privilege of a free navigation of the River St. John, and transferred to them the only safe and practical mail-route the colony had to Canada. If this is the way you protect New Brunswick, well may they say, "we can protect ourselves from our enemies, but save us from our friends." You protect the colonies! Did you protect Nova Scotia when you gave up its fisheries to the Americans? In such hot haste was this done, that when the delegates from that province (who were sent for to save appearances), arrived at Quebec, they found the Governor-General had actually signed the treaty. In this manner was sacrificed one of the noblest fisheries in the world. Ignorance and rashness were