

those questions which must so interest every true Briton, proud and careful of the acquisitions of British discovery and conquest. She is Imperial in herself, we sons of her think, as the number, the extent, and the lavish natural wealth of her Provinces, each not less than some Empire of Europe, rise in our minds ; as we picture her coasts and gulfs and kingdoms and islands, on the Atlantic on the one side, and the Pacific on the other ; her four-thousand-mile panorama of noble rivers, wild forests, ocean-like prairies ; her towering snow-capped Rockies waking to the tints of sunrise in the West ; in the East her hoary Laurentians, oldest of hills. She has by far the richest extent of fisheries, forests, wheat lands, and fur regions in the world ; some of the greatest public works ; some of the loftiest mountain ranges, the vastest rivers, the healthiest and most beautifully varied seasons. She has the best tenth-elevenths of Niagara Falls, and the best half of the Inland Seas. She stands fifth among the nations in the tonnage of her commercial marine. Her population is about five million souls. Her valley of the Saskatchewan alone, it has been scientifically computed, will support eight hundred millions. In losing the United States, Britain lost the *smaller* half of her American possessions ; the Colony of the Maple Leaf is about as large as Europe.

But what would material resources be without a corresponding greatness in man ? Canada is also Imperial in her traditions. Her French race is still conscious that they are the remnants of a power which once ruled North America from Hudson's Bay to the Gulf of Mexico. Existing English Canada is the result of simply the noblest epic migration the world has ever seen, more loftily epic than the retirement of Pius Æneas from Ilion,—the withdrawal, namely, out of the rebel Colonies, of the thirty-five thousand United Empire Loyalists, after the war of the Revolution. "Why did you come here," was asked of one of the first settlers of St. John, New Brunswick, a man whose life was without a stain. "Why did you come here when you and your associates were almost certain to endure the sufferings and absolute want of shelter and food which you have narrated ?" "*Why did we come here ?*" replied he, with emotion which brought tears. "*For our loyalty.*"

—REMINDERS FOR TEACHERS.—If you want to be a successful teacher you must find out what matters interest