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The country whose geographical position affords the most favorable opportunities for attacking us, is the territory of the United States of America: the invasion of Canada is a threat heard commonly there; and although the educated classes look upon the project with ill favor, they are wholly without influence should the masses determine on an attack. How much wiser then it will be to discuss freely and openly our situation, if by so doing we can convince the monsters who would hail with acclamation such an outrage, that, provided we are true to ourselves, the attempt must almost as inevitably as deservedly be utterly and disgracefully defeated. Let it then be taken for granted that the blow, if it must come, will come from the people of the United States; if sufficiently defended against their attacks, we need fear those of no other nation.

Now, although our well-wishers put a bold front on the matter, and declare that an organization which will enable the Dominion to put forth her whole power in the very best form will enable her to preserve her liberty and independence, in case of a war with the neighbouring States, and we Canadians openly accept this dictum as true; yet the unthinking masses in the secret recesses of their hearts are divided only as to the method of meeting this awful contingency, one party meditating immediate surrender, another, a determined resistance, while both are persuaded that the result would be the same, viz., a triumph for the Great United Republic.

Unless we can give courage to the faint hearts which beat beneath a mask of boldness, our schemes are *ab initio* futile,—any expenditure on defence would be like putting elaborate and expensive propelling machinery into a rotten bottom.

Imagine war declared against England by the Government at Washington! The civilized world at once seeks to discover what are the opposing forces,—where the battle field—and what the probable result.

We believe that the signing of the declaration of war by the