

and how all that had been done in the making of an infant nation had been done at that nation's own wish, and by that nation's own representatives. By Canadians was Canada's constitution arranged, and by Canadians has it been perfected, and made to work with a smoothness and success unprecedented, where so many strange conditions had to be met, and so much that required self-restraint and power of self-government to be carried out.

Neighbors are sometimes supposed to be the last to see that which is being done near them, and, indeed, under their eyes; but we are sure that the good wishes of our American cousins are with us, for our task is similar to theirs, and the difference of the method is a difference that can lead to no estrangement, but, on the contrary, tend to the friendship between the two constitutional governments, which it is the desire and object of every Canadian to cherish and reinforce.

The Germans have a habit of averting misfortune by pronouncing the word "*unberufen*," or "let it not be called down on me," when they have been able to boast of good luck, and do not wish to share the bad. Let us also say "*unberufen*" and tap the table three times, as is the peculiar German method of making friends with good fortune, when we record that, as yet, Canada has had no marked experience of troubles between labor and capital. When, as at Montreal and Quebec, there has been some slight tendency in past days in that direction, the tendency has been rather imported by strangers from the south than by the action of her own sons. Undoubtedly the influence of the Roman Church in the Eastern Provinces, and notably in Quebec Province, has been to prevent such outbreaks. Nowhere does the Catholic priesthood exhibit a greater power, or use it better to further the ends of law and order, peace and religion. Yes, as yet there has been very little of the fierce feeling which in other lands has grown up between the man who works with his hands and the men who work with their brains. All will undoubtedly, in the "long run," come right where these contests occur, but how long will the "long run" be, and what mischief and misery may be done until the light of reason and reasonableness subdues the darkness of hate and envy? Alas, we cannot tell. The position of Canada has, in one respect, been very fortunate. She is more a rural than an urban nation. Her towns, in proportion to the landed population, are small, and