

Downing Street influence. When the time does come for a Union of the Provinces, let us hope that it will be accomplished on the Republican principle, with the sanction of that great power which rules us now, and which cannot forbear from expressing its daily admiration of the success of its offshoot, the United States.

In our apprehension the political crisis through which Canada has lately passed, may well serve as a warning voice to our legislators. A plan that should be vigorously and generally pursued is to hold out to our countrymen in Great Britain that we are not a handful of miserable individuals, unworthy of attention or consideration, but rather an important people, determined to progress in the path of reform, to grapple with difficulties of moment, and above all, to insist upon the maintenance of those rights which belong to us as free and enlightened people.

And why should the scoffing name of *Rebel* be fastened on the name of him who holds these views? Should he be branded as unfit to hold a position in the community because he does not tamely submit to the whims and caprices of each official of the Colonial Office who may be sent here to hold the reins of government for a time. The liberality of the British people, their desire to obtain for the colonists of the empire equal liberty of speech and action, should in the future prevent the recurrence of the deplorable events of the past. Inevitably and rapidly we are advancing towards a condition of entire and unshackled national freedom. And looming in the future, we can foresee a mighty nation stretching from the Atlantic to the Pacific Ocean, a people of which England and France will be proud, their joint offspring; a nation celebrated for its power, its wealth, and the enlightenment of its inhabitants. Bands of iron traversing the magnificent tract of country lying between the two oceans, will promote successful commerce, will consolidate and ameliorate our agricultural and mining interests, and will serve as a bond of union between the denizens of the far west and nearer east. Perchance the valuable carrying trade of the East Indies may court our channels of communication. Clearly the future destiny of Canada is a glorious subject of contemplation. It is but surmise and speculation, but from the actual progress of the past we can confidently judge of probable progress in the future.

Young men of to-day, of the middle classes of society, are frequently discouraged by their superiors from studying, noticing, or participating in political proceedings. They are generally charged with presumption if courageous enough to express political opinions. They are blandly informed that politics will not put money in their purses. We admit cordially the correctness of this assertion, as applicable to honest young politicians, and see reason to congratulate the speaker of such words upon the compliment paid to the aspirants of the present day. Such a conviction would augur well for the future of the country. Hitherto the practice of politics has proved