

These constitute the Dominion. We have more than one-third of the continent, a much larger territory fit for population than that possessed by the United States, vast marine, agricultural and mineral riches; broad ranges of chase; inexhaustible timber land, and invaluable fisheries. The Dominion is now the fourth maritime power in the world, with a population capable of furnishing half a million, *aye*, 675,000 able to bear arms in defence of their country; and the second of American powers, a colossal state stretching from the Atlantic to the Pacific, and from the United States to the regions consecrated by the footsteps of Franklin and his companions in tribulation, with the work given us to prove that in monarchical principles there is nothing inconsistent with political and moral progress.

It is a matter of great rejoicing that we have reached all this—not after a mighty struggle against Imperial power, not by the battle of the warrior with confused noise and garments rolled in blood, but as the free gift of that gracious lady, who no less as maiden, wife and mother, than in her more public character as Queen, has won the admiration, respect, reverence and homage, and in her widowhood the deepest sympathy of her subjects by all the virtues which far too rarely adorn the thrones of empire.

It is an auspicious circumstance also that we have a constitution ready to hand, not constructed upon any abstract principle of political excellence, but one that has grown with the growth of the English people, which, though it may require some adaptation to our peculiar circumstances, stands unrivalled, has been tried and tested in the fiercest ordeals, has improved only with the lapse of time, and is the envy of nations, the glory of her sons and the care of God.

We have, too, in our fellow-countrymen, all the elements of strength and prosperity. The question of *Race* is worthy of consideration at a time when it is certain that some races are nearly stationary; and others, as for instance the natives of the French district of Normandy, the more advanced tribes of Magyars in Hungary, an influential tribe in Transylvania, and the natives of Massachusetts, are rapidly diminishing. We want a race that will multiply and replenish this country, which is said to be capable of supporting a population of five or six hundred millions