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seems quite clear that the British Government, in adopting the extradition clause of the treaty, had no intention of allowing it to be used for the purposes of recovering runaway slaves in Canada. In moving the second reading of the bill to ratify the treaty Lord Aberdeen stated that there was no intention of delivering up fugitives found in Canada. To escape from slavery was no crime he held; on the contrary the condition of the slave endeavoring to escape was to be regarded with much sympathy. Lord Brougham agreed with this view regarding it as a settled fact that a slave arriving in British territory could not, under any circumstances be claimed or rendered liable to further service. Lord Ashburton's own view was clearly set forth in a letter to Thomas Clarkson president of the British Anti-Slavery Society. Negroes in Canada, he stated, would be given up only for the crimes specifically mentioned in the treaty. The use of a boat or any means of escape was not robbery and could not be so construed. Clarkson lost no time in communicating this view to Lord Metcalfe governor of Canada, pointing out that Great Britain would watch with some anxiety the C. N. E. the outcome of the treaty when brought into operation and expressing the hope that Canadians would exercise all possible humanity towards the unfortunate refugees.

If as Professor Siebert has said, "the underground railroad was one of the greatest forces which brought on the Civil War and thus destroyed slavery," it must be remembered that without a free Canada at the terminus of the underground this system of deliverance would have been far less effective and after 1850 would have found its work largely nullified by the new Fugitive Slave Law. Party action might control American legislatures and laws and even courts but party action in the republic could not control Canada. And in proportion as the slave power became more rapacious in the United States, Canada's gates of welcome opened yet wider, offering freedom and opportunity to the oppressed black race. Is it not then true that Canada must be regarded as one of the real forces that brought on the Civil War and destroyed slavery in the American republic?

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The Lord Jehovah is my strength; I walk with Him in places high;

My feet like hinds' feet till at length I know and feel Him always nigh. My joy still in Jehovah God-E'en while I pass beneath the rod.

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ST. CATHARINES

Messrs, Randal Hogan and Mack Proctor of Pittsburgh, Pa., spent a few days in the city.

Miss Lillian Richardson has returned home after visiting her uncle, Mr. Frank Richardson in Gowanda, N.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Richardson, of Gowanda, N.Y., and Mr. and Mrs. B. Brewster motored to Toronto Sunday evening for the holiday and to attend

Mr. J. Jefferson of Verdun, Montreal, spent a couple of days at the home of Mr. B. Brewster.

Mr. and Mrs. Leo Dorsay and the Misses Viola and Olive Williams of Lockpora, N.Y., motored to the city on Sunday, visiting friends.

Mr. Joseph Seelix and son of Cleveland passed through the city en route to Toronto.

Mr. Richard and Master Willie Bell are visiting in Toronto and attending

Mr. Benjamin Walker of Niagara Falls, N.Y., spent Sunday in the city.

Mr. Clarence Johnson of Hamilton motored to the city last week.

Rev. E. A. Richardson conducted a very spiritual service at the B. M. E. Church Sunday morning, his subject being "Temper." Love Feast was held at this sercive. In the evening Deaconess Susie Johnson of Owen Sound delivered a vry inspiring discourse, her subject being "The Return of the Prodigal Son." The service was well attended and enjoye d by all.

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H. King of Utah, addressing members and let the ambition and dream of of the local club on Saturday, said: every one of its inhabitants be real-"America's imperialistic policy in in- ized." vading Haiti in 1915 and the succeed- "If the voice of Haiti could be ing years of suppression which it heard to-day, it would be more than forced upon the one time republic is 99 per cent in favor of the United breaking down the confidence the States' withdrawal but by secret South American and Central Americanesis and loans with their expected can nations have in the United States, future obligations the United States

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