

placing the rude aborigines ; but here also not without some interblending of the races ; though the two types, Aryan and barbarian, meet under all the repellent influences of high civilization and the lowest barbarism. In our Canadian North-West alone, the young province of Manitoba has begun its political existence with a population of between 10,000 and 12,000 half-breeds ; in part at least, a hardy race of hunters and farmers : the representatives of what is as certainly destined to constitute an element in the new phases which the Aryan race already begins to assume, under the diverse conditions of this continent, as that curious trace of Europe's pre-Aryan people which attracted the observant attention of Tacitus among the ancient Britons ; and which we are learning to recognize with a new significance, as the Melanochroi ; the representatives of the old Half-breed of Europe's prehistoric dawn.