

question to be thoroughly discussed and agitated by the press, and the people of Europe generally; and, in these days of general education and freedom, common sense would surely soon prevail, and the heavily-taxed and overburdened people would naturally everywhere bring such pressure upon all the popular governments in Europe, that the proposed simultaneous reduction of their enormous armies would certainly be decided upon; and even the despotic governments of Russia and Turkey would doubtless soon become so affected by the general movement, as to find themselves compelled to yield to the will of the overwhelming majority of Europe.

But it may be said, why call upon Canada to take the initiative in such a world-wide movement as this? I answer, simply because it is not only Canada's special interest to do so, but it is also Canada's special business and duty; and I prove the truth of this seemingly arbitrary assertion, by pointing to the indisputable fact that Canada is certainly the greatest colony of the greatest empire of the world, and it must be admitted that it is the greatest empire that should lead in such a great matter as this; therefore, the British empire should now take the lead. But as it is to the colonies that the millions of European people, and the thousands of millions of European money, would naturally flow in a continuous stream; of course, it is certainly the colonies which are most interested in this matter; and as Canada happens to be the greatest colony of the greatest empire in the world, of course it is Canada's special business and duty, as well as Canada's special interest, to take the initiative in this matter.

But some may still be disposed to say, why should Ottawa be called upon to give special attention to this matter now, in advance of all other cities? The fact that Ottawa happens to be the capital city of the greatest colony of the greatest Empire in the World, should be a satisfactory answer to this question, and as the General Elections of Canada happen to occur now, at the beginning of the Jubilee of, by far, the most prosperous and glorious fifty years reign the world ever knew; during which the material progress of the world has been immeasurably greater than at any previous period; the electors of Ottawa should now take advantage of such an occasion, (which occurs but once only in the history of the world) to prove that they, at least, are now resolved not to neglect to do their share towards securing the Peace of the World, and the Welfare of Canada, as soon as possible; even though it should necessitate their electing, as one of their Representatives in the House of Commons, the man who has devoted thirty-four years of his life to qualify himself thoroughly to be one of the chief instruments in the hand of over-ruling Providence, to accomplish such grand results, whenever the time should come, or the opportunity should occur; therefore, I now appeal to both political parties in Ottawa to first elect by acclamation such a man as this, that to the best of his ability he may act for the chief and highest interests of this Dominion, so far as those interests shall accord also with the general advantage of the whole world. There would afterwards, probably be no difficulty in electing as their other Representative some one else who possessing their confidence, may also reasonably be supposed to be sufficiently familiar with the details of Ottawa's special requirements. Thus the electors of the Capital of this Dominion may provide themselves with Representatives who will doubtless do them credit, not only during the continuance of the next Parliament of Canada, but also for as long as the history of Canada shall be recorded.

Faithfully yours,

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