

mass of the people in the Mother Country, who share no aristocratic dreams of an Anti-American Empire, they are equally matters of indifference. It is about time that a reasonable limit should be put to the load which is to be laid on the shoulders of the Canadian people.

We never want to sail under false colours. Our belief is that the line round the north of Lake Superior, if the country is not forced to construct it at once, will never be constructed at all; because, while commercial inducements there are none, the political and military inducements will every day grow less, and our people will become more and more convinced that amicable partnership, not the jealous antagonism which the Anti-Continental policy with its military roads implies, is their destined relation to that part of their race whose abode adjoins them on the south. The original parties to the old quarrel, which we feel locally bound to perpetuate, have themselves buried the memory of their feud. The principals have withdrawn, the second only keeps the field. The author of "Tom Brown," a Briton of the Britons, chooses, as the site of his English settlement, Tennessee. People are surprised that he should prefer a "foreign" country. The answer is that to an Englishman America is no longer foreign, nor is England foreign to an American. International Reviews and International Boat Races are symbols of the social and intellectual fusion which is going on. Internarrriages are becoming daily more frequent. An English Duke and an English Tory Minister send their sons into mercantile houses in New York. Aristocratic antagonism to Republican institutions, no doubt, is not extinct, nor will it be while political differences last; but with this democratic Canada has nothing to do; and the general feeling of the English people towards the United States differs not at all from their feeling towards any English colony. Even the aristocracy, since the victory of the Union, has been laboriously civil to the Republic, as a power. Just on this spot, where the refugees of the American Revolution fixed their abode, the embers of the feud of last century are kept alive by