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## The Volunteer Review, AND MILITARY AND NAVAL GAZETTE.

"Unbribed, unbought, our swords we draw,  
To guard the Monarch, fence the law."

OTTAWA, MONDAY, JUNE 5, 1871.

THE *Washington Chronicle*, in an article, which we re publish on another page, describing "The wealth of England," says "It suggests to us two points—One. This vast wealth was derived from commerce, which England has wisely and liberally fostered. Second. *For the safety of this vast wealth, England wants peace with all nations, and will pay for it.* The last sentence defines at once the policy of the Manchester School, the peace at any price party, those doctrinaires to whom national honor is only a matter of profit or loss, and prestige a mere question of discount, and suggests the secret of that course of lullabyism by which the astute politicians at Washington have succeeded in swindling this country of valuable territory, and committing the empire to a course of policy which must end in a disastrous contest. It is the secret which underlies every treaty or concession made to the United States since 1783—Manchester was afraid, and Jonathan knew it.

The probable consequences of the action of the "peace at any price party" is ably described in *Blackwood's Edinburgh Maga-*

zine for May, under the title of the "Battle of Dorking; Reminiscences of a Volunteer." In that extraordinary article a Septuagenarian is supposed to be telling his grandchildron somewhat about the year 1921 of the immediate events which led to the downfall of Great Britain, and the degradation of her people. Sad indeed is the picture, but not beyond what the reality may possibly be if a different line of foreign policy is not adopted by her rulers. "And what was then left for us to live for; stripped of our Colonies, Canada and the West Indies gone to America; Australia forced to separate, India lost forever. . . . Gibraltar and Malta ceded to the new naval power; Ireland independent, and in perpetual revolution and anarchy."

The picture drawn by an able hand is not very inviting to look at, but with administrations like the present Whig Radicals one that may be as speedily and as easily realized, as described in this ably written article. It would appear to us outsiders that the march of so-called liberal politics has emasculated the public mind in Great Britain; that peers and commons are afraid to speak out boldly in the fear of the anarchy and misrule surely springing up in their midst; that through the rascality of the commercial class, the workingman has been put forward as the means of paralysing all other classes of society, and that in turn they must go down before the democracy they have created.

The opening paragraphs of this romance of *Blackwood's* proves that the staunch conservatives have allowed their understanding to be enchaind by the sonorous political sophistries of the cream colored Broadbrims—for it is made a point that of the small force of regulars, which Mr. Cardwell's ingenuity left available for the defence of England; 10,000 "were away in Canada," and that the presence of those troops "formed an incontestible temptation to the Americans to try and take them prisoners, especially as the contingent included three battalions of the Guards." Possibly they wanted the latter for "Barnum's Museum." The writer of this, we won't call it trash, but twaddle, never for a moment supposes there are as good men in Canada as the Guards; possibly not as well up in parade drill, but who will fight far better over this country than any amount of English troops could, and who would be a greater protection to any English contingent sent here, than they could by any possibility be to Canada.

It is really too bad that educated Englishmen know less of the outlying bulwarks of the empire and take far less interest in them than they do of the classic Kingdom of Timbuctoo, or the countries bordering the Albert Nyanza, and, as a consequence, when dangers brought on by the greed, stupidity, and imbecility of their rulers stares them in the face, at once a howl is got up about the vast extent of territory they have