

variations of temperature to which the climate of Canada is subject, and the writer infers that only persons of robust constitution should venture upon a career of labour exposed to such painful vicissitudes of heat and cold. In another communication the Secretary of the Labourers' Union, who has undertaken a tour of inquiry in Canada, gives some account of the preliminary trials of the voyage, and of the first settlement of immigrant labourers. No doubt many mistakes will be made, and mistakes will involve suffering; but ultimately Canada will doubtless obtain the class of settlers she needs, and a system of self-adjusting selection will draw the proper sort of recruits from England. This is a matter in which Governments can effect little by interference, and probably nothing which is permanently beneficial. The local legislatures of Canada are contributing largely to assist emigration from the mother country, but it is quite certain that this assisted current of population will not be fitted to the necessities of the new country in the same degree as a natural and spontaneous efflux.

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WE have Lord Dufferin's word for it that the Canadians are loyal towards the mother country to a degree which must be considered little short of surprising. Everywhere he went he was met with indications of a "passionate" loyalty. It is no use arguing why this should or should not be so. Of the fact there can be no doubt; and it is an exceedingly pleasing fact to have to think of and record. This loyalty is much more than skin-deep. It has had to stand some crucial trials. The withdrawal of the British troops was a measure that little pleased the Canadians. The strange and unsympathetic attitude of a portion of the English press at one time was calculated to arouse resentment in Canada if it had lain near the surface. The action of the late Government in the affairs of San Juan and the fisheries was provoking enough. But in spite of these trials of their loyalty and affection the Canadians have maintained their warmth of feeling towards England and their desire of remaining attached to her. The reason of this is not far to seek. England has accorded Canada complete control over her own affairs while honestly endeavouring to assist her in every possible way. There have been differences of opinion both in England and in Canada as to the course that has been pursued by the mother country towards her dependency. Some have held that the bonds between the two were being too much relaxed. But the result shows that in treating Canada not, so to speak, as a mere child, but as a grown-up member of the family, England acted with wisdom and discretion. The ties between England and her colonial children will be all the more real and lasting when they are apparently but loosely hung between them. The relationship must in fact be maintained by the development of a free and hearty sentiment on the part of the colonies. We have only to abstain from intermeddling in their domestic