

so far enabled us to devise. Not only are large sums of public money annually paid out for the support of Indians, but they have the benefit of the assistance of farm and other instructors, whose duty it is to teach them the industrious habits of the whites. Whatever may have been the grievances of the half breeds, they would have been probably remedied in due course of time, and it is very unfortunate that they should have been induced by indiscreet leaders to take up arms. The rising, however, will not be without some useful results. The blood that has been shed so early in our history has probably saved a great waste of life and property in the future. It was inevitable that a struggle should come sooner or later between civilization and savagery in the West. The peace of the territories is now practically assured by the intrepidity of the militia forces of Canada last spring when they rallied so bravely to the call of duty and proved that their country can always depend on them in every great national crisis. The Indian and half Breed must alike bow to the inevitable law of their destiny and fall into the ranks of patient industry if they wish to hold their own in the race of progress. The Indians certainly have been taught the lesson that the strong arm of the Canadian Government can reach them at all times and seasons, and that their security and livelihood depend on the good faith with which they observe their obligations to the Dominion which has always shown its desire to assist them in the unfortunate circumstances in which they are placed.

A study of the public debt and expenditures of Canada shows very clearly the energy which has long characterized the conduct of public affairs, and the determination of all governments to leave no means untried to give facilities to capital and enterprise in the development of the large resources of the country. The public debt of Canada may now be placed at something like £ 50,000,000 sterling; the annual revenue at £ 6,000,000, and the yearly expenditure at about the same amount except for the last year when there was an increase to an abnormal amount in consequence of the unhappy rising in the North West. Large as is this debt, it is less than that incurred by the Australasian colonies with a smaller population in the aggregate; but in any case it is represented by great public works in every section of the Dominion. The natural features of Canada are such as to require a large yearly expenditure to ensure the safety of commerce, and to promote the development of the resources of the whole country. On the sea coast and on the banks of the great routes of inland navigation are found numerous light houses, and all the appliances essential to the preservation of life and