

they might live in Nova Scotia under their beloved British flag.* It is not unnatural that this sudden doubling of the population by men who changed their abode for their loyalty, should have left its trace even on the present generation of Acadians.

These, then, are the prominent conditions of Nova Scotia (many of which are shared by the other Lower Colonies) at the present time :—Harbour accommodation *ad libitum*, a short frontier, coal to an extent unknown, a prosperous militia force, a large naval population constantly increasing, and the whole surmounted by a loyalty never once called in question. Whether it be wise to urge a country such as this (which moreover we may later in the world's history be obliged to hold by force) to become alienated from us by joining her destinies with those of a nation whose geographical and political conditions are incompatible with national stability, is a very grave question. That we were foolish to do so suddenly and without deep consideration admits of no question whatsoever.

* "Eighty Years' Progress," p. 677.

THE END.