

## CONFLUENCE OF THE RACES IN CANADA.

**E**VERY thoughtful Canadian is asking himself the question, What will be the ultimate result of the confluence of the races in this country?

To analyse this confluence into its constituent elements one has but to take the streams which unite to form it, ascertain their composition and consider the modifying agencies at work in them. If we take the larger of those two streams which is the one flowing from the great British reservoir, we find that it, like the noble river which flows past our city, receives its volume from various sources. It is an admixture of the Celtic, Saxon, and Norman-French modified by Danish influence. A large proportion of this is permeated by the principles of the Gospel, which develop its intellectual power, Christian heroism, and that progressive spirit which is spreading the British races and the British language over the whole world. Such then is the nature of that stream which has given to Canada more than half of her population.

The darker flow of "Utawa's tide" illustrates in a small measure the sombre depths of the other main confluent, that of the French Canadian element, which forms no inconsiderable portion of our population and which is corrupted to a vast extent by the errors and superstitions of anti-Christian Rome. This aspect of the case chills the ardour of the British Canadian patriot as he seeks an answer to the question with which we set out.

Of the other confluent the German element is the chief. This being closely akin to the English, its influx causes no apprehension: in fact the illustrious Sovereign now wielding the sceptre of the British Empire is German rather than English. There are other small confluent streams from various European nations, with a sprinkling of Mongolians and North American Indians. The mention of these two races brings us face to face with the fact that there are upwards of four thousand heathen within our own borders; but it is to be hoped that the Christian Church will not continue to withhold from them the Gospel.

As a result of this brief glance at the confluence of the races in Canada, we see that the character, now under course of formation, of the future Canadian people, hangs upon the question: Shall the