

marvellous. The navigation laws, once supposed to be essential to the protection of the British shipping interests, were repealed as far back as the time of George the Fourth. Various restrictions, however, were retained till the present reign, but are now abandoned. Of course it was prognosticated that if this step were taken, and if foreigners were allowed equal privileges with Englishmen in trade and shipping, the result would be most disastrous: but, as is so often the case, facts have falsified the predictions. British enterprise awoke, and it is not too much to say that the great bulk of the commerce of the world is now carried on in British ships, which are to be found studding the bosom of the ocean, and lying in every harbour. The present Royal family, as becomes their English birth, are sea lovers. The Queen is a frequent voyager: her son, the Duke of Edinburgh, holds an important command in the Navy: two of her grandsons, children of the Prince of Wales, are in training for the same noble profession: so that full emphasis is given to the sense entertained of the importance of the Navy to England's greatness.

It is doubtless owing, in some measure, to England's command of the sea that she is great in Colonies. Of course there are other important reasons. The Anglo-Saxon-Celtic-Danish-Norman race (known as English) has always shown an instinct for colonization, and the pressure of population demands an outlet. At all events, notwithstanding the loss of our American Colonies in the reign of George the Third, those now connected with England are superior in extent and resources to some independent nations, and are destined to play an important part in the world's history. Immense accessions have been made to their power and population during the present reign. Take this Canada of ours for example. Descriptions of Canada are as plentiful as blackberries in Autumn, but we do not propose to enter into one of these descriptions. Suffice it to say that Canada offers a home where all the conveniences of life may be enjoyed at far less cost than can be obtained in old England, and this too at a period when the circumstances of thousands are comparatively straitened at home.

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