

The new route to her Eastern dependencies, across British Territory over the Canadian Pacific Railway for troops and merchandise, is a revelation to the military and commercial powers of Great Britain. The need for food supplies and the steady movement towards an Imperial Federation, which contemplates shutting out by duty, the products of foreign countries, including those of the United States, and the free admission of Colonial products, shows the tendency that exists towards strengthening the ties that bind such countries as Canada to this great centre of power. A close commercial and monetary relation with Canada, the investment of eight or nine hundred millions by English capitalists, a long series of social and personal relationships, would render it very difficult to contemplate a sudden cessation of the intimate connections hitherto existing between the two countries. It is needless to pursue this subject further. The struggle that Great Britain made to maintain the American colonies under her control, the enormous sacrifices that she makes in foreign lands to assert her supremacy and maintain her power, the magnitude of her revenues from her outlying territories, in the shape of interest and profits, all point to the impossibility of a cheerful rendering up of the brightest jewel that adorns the British Crown.

WHAT OF THE FUTURE?

Having at such great length reviewed the attitude of the three great parties to a possible compact of union on North America, viz., United States, Canada and Great Britain, it remains only to say that, the magnitude of the subject, the enormous consequences that may flow from its assuming practical shape, are only equalled by the