

other countries. The great danger so far between any of these countries is not so much national antagonism which might arise in a variety of various ways as from the law of supply and demand in relation to increase of population and decrease of available territory whereon to locate the overflow.

The article in the *National Review* concludes with a warning, which may possibly be more important than many are disposed to think, especially at a time when England is in the throes of an internal conflict, which such a man as Field-Marshal Roberts asserts may, under certain conditions, seriously endanger the discipline and efficiency of our army and so invite attacks:—

“We must realize that the preservation of the priceless blessings of freedom and justice depend on our keeping ourselves strong enough to prevent Germany defeating us and forcing her system and her ‘justice’ on our people. When Germany increases her armaments, we must do likewise. When Germany reduces her armaments, we can think of doing likewise, but not till then. Never must we by any shew of friendliness or by any soft words, whoever may be the spokesman, be lulled into a feeling of security. The methods of the ruling class in Germany change, but behind it all, with their ever-increasing naval and military forces, they always pursue their unaltered aim. Co-operation throughout the Empire, real efficiency in all branches of our defensive services, and the readiness of everyone to take his share in the defence of the Mother Country and the great Dominions can alone bring us security.”

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#### ADMINISTRATION OF THE CRIMINAL LAW.

The remarks of the Chief Justice of the Common Pleas, Ontario Supreme Court, will be good reading for magistrates in this Province as well as in others. He well and forcibly expresses the requirements of British justice in the administration of the criminal law. It is that spirit of fair play and justice which has made England what it is. It is that spirit which has so impressed the nations which have come under the sway of