

same ; that this identity points to the expediency of a common tariff ; that to maintain across the Continent a Customs line, tempered by smuggling, is preposterous ; and that the only policy on which a liberal statesman can consistently and firmly stand is that of Commercial Union.

—Public gratitude is due to the present Governor-General for having disregarded certain brilliant examples, and declined to win popularity for himself at the expense of Canadian Society, by stimulating the love of extravagance and display. The moderation and simplicity which he has known how to combine with a generous hospitality have earned the applause of sensible people, however strong might be their feeling in favour of Viceregal State. It was not to be expected that he would refrain from propagating aristocratic sentiment by creations of knights : to propagate aristocratic sentiment and rescue, if possible, a section of the New World from democracy, is the chief object of his presence here : if he attempts to do any act of Government, or even to withhold his consent from any, Conservatives as well as Liberals at once denounce him for overstepping the line of his duty. It is the belief of English statesman that all colonists are passionately fond of titles and can be lured with them as a child is lured with sweets : the comparison will hardly be thought overstrained by those who remember the exposition of this profound policy put forth some time ago with candid simplicity by Mr. Froude. With regard to those colonists who spend half their time in London, and form socially a group almost separated from our people, and connected with the minor aristocracy of England, the belief may be well founded. But the mass of Canadians, whatever they may be politically, belong socially to the New World : they neither covet titles for themselves, nor are they in any way pleased by seeing their fellow colonists tricked out in them : they resent on the contrary the attempt to create a petty aristocracy over their heads. Some