

the mastery which it is now losing, and in some localities has lost. This is a problem which we would rather your people should solve for themselves without our taking part or lot with them in it. It will in time prove a kind of "*rod for the fool's back*" which you have prepared for yourselves, and as you have prepared it, we are willing that your masters should lay it on, and that we should not be mixed up with it. All the ill-gotten millions of the Vanderbilts and the Goulds and others I could name, will not save your country from ruin. We have the English, Scotch, Irish, French, Germans, Scandinavians and others as settlers—they are coming in every year—they are frugal, sober, industrious; their success does not lie in their numbers, nor does the benefit that their coming brings with it, depend so much upon their muscles and sinews as on their moral worth; that will bring wealth and weal with it to the Nation at large, and we would be unwilling to dilute these benefits by abandoning our advantage to join hands with you in national ties.

The great hope which Canada has as regards the future is by remaining under the aegis of the British flag, with British modes and British rule and British liberty and in federal union with the Mother land. We know what it is to share in her traditions and *the glory of the grandest Empire on earth!* We are therefore not disposed to be *suicidal* and to exchange the advantages and liberty and protection we possess and know of for the more than uncertain or ideal advantages of belonging to a country which is truly great in its area and capabilities, in its commercial position and rich productions, but which has proved, and is yearly proving a great social and governmental failure. Besides it would involve a depth of degradation that we as Canadians are not capable of, to hand over our allegiance to foreigners. In short, Canada and Canadians are neither to be sold or given away.

Look at Great Britain and France! which have been pointed at as "*the happiest the richest, the most industrious—pioneers of civilization, \* \* passionately fond of liberty, in every shape—and each possessing the glorious goddess, (a strange irony of fate) the one in REALITY under a monarchy, the other in DREAMS under a republic!*"—Such is your *dream* of liberty! Look at our respective conditions, Canada under that same monarchy, a confederation of Provinces with a government directly responsible to, and controlled by the electorate of a free people and the United States under a President, elected (as was your General Harrison) by a possible minority of your people, under the guise of a so-called "universal suffrage" and a myth. (and not by any means a fit representation of