

neighbours will, therefore, be ever the happy lot of these two nations. One thing, only, can ever mar that for either or both. That thing would be the unwise attempt, either by dissatisfied spirits within Canada, or over-zealous United States politicians, to stir up a sentiment in favour of Canada joining the States. Such a course could only unsettle matters to no good. While both sides understand what the relationship is to be, viz., that of kind, loving, sympathetic neighbours; but with neighbourliness only we will enjoy — what we have long since attained, a spirit of the utmost good will on both sides.

The only question to be raised is that of the meaning to be attached to the journal's own comment, "that the question would be one of interest to its readers." Taken as a matter of speculation of the idlest kind, or as an illustration of interesting, but futile, attempts

by outsiders to interpret our soul, the articles were of interest. In using "outsiders" we mean no disrespect or unkindly criticism of our English Canadian who has, in part at least, understood the sentiment of his adopted fellow-countryman; but who could not be expected to realize, except in a general way, what our history means to us who are the product of several generations of Canadians.

As serious attempts at settling our national destiny, such articles could have no final value and were of interest only as showing how the writers would have settled a question long since decided beyond peradventure by Canada choosing, rightly or wrongly, to be one of that glorious sisterhood of nations comprising the British Empire till time, in its onward march, shall efface that Empire. Whether Canada as a nation will then exist is a pure matter of speculation.

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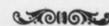
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