

will one day tell of the strange lull which fell on all British lands and held them for a time enchanted by the magic of lofty womanhood. It is a good thing to have seen the Jubilee.

The revival of nationalities is one of the characteristic features of the second half of this century. St. Simon in the forties proclaimed a message of fraternity to the proletarians of the world. In Germany too at the same time frontiers were regarded by some as temporary embarrassments. The English expected to absorb the French Canadians in this province. Those ideas are abandoned now. France and Germany have relegated fraternization to lunar politics. The French Canadians, far from being absorbed, even discuss the prospect of the peaceful recapture of this country, and in their more sanguine moments, of this continent. The map of Germany, which, as some one has said, used to look as if it had been smitten with a tetter, now includes in one broad border a united and powerful empire. Italy is re-united and has recovered its ancient capital. Austria, that fantastic and barbarous conglomeration of nationalities, is in the throes of disintegration owing to the revival of racial interests. On all sides the nations are regrouping themselves and the tie of blood is the strongest. That is the characteristic of our time. Now, if a wave of national spirit were to sweep over Canada, if Canadians should decide to remember their proud lineage and claim the duties and responsibilities of a mature people, they would at least march with the general course of contemporary history. The twentieth century is at our doors. Why