

the end of the century but during the time which has since elapsed, they have again increased. In 1912, 14,746 emigrated, of whom 11,525 went to the United States. We find Danes scattered over the whole of Canada, occupying all kinds of positions, and, in the majority of cases, striving for a competence wherewith to return to their own land. The Dane is not very happy in strange countries, although he braces himself to endure, as becomes a true son of the Vikings. He works well, whether he is engaged in banking, farming or commercial pursuits. He is quick to adapt himself to new conditions, being conscious that only in this way can he achieve the desired end. The Danish language is used amongst the Danes when by themselves, but unlike some other Scandinavians, they do not make a fetish of their mother tongue. They are progressive, and willing to take the lead in the communities where they dwell, if the opportunity presents itself. Indeed, it is not difficult for them to do so, since their own land has taught them something about the very things which are most required in a country which is in the making, as our Dominion is.

In speaking to some Danes, one may discover that their knowledge of our standard authors is equal to, if not greater, than our own. Shakespeare, Dickens and Scott are used as text-books, in some of their schools. Thus they come to us fairly well imbued with the spirit of Britain.