

the Queen in the hearts of her subjects at home, has filled the distant dependencies of her realm with equal admiration for her high character. It will teach our future King that the best safeguard of the throne is a consistent observance of the Constitution, that public and private excellencies are sure to command the sympathies of a free people, and that the brightest jewel in a crown is the possession of the love of an attached nation.

That the Canadians should have eagerly solicited such a favour, was natural. They are proud of their connexion with England, and the importance which it confers. The descendants of the emigrants are as true men as their forefathers. The sight of the Royal Standard thrills them with powerful emotion. It calls up time-honoured histories and sacred memories, with a vividness which none but an ex-patriot can realize. Sir Francis B Head has graphically described the result produced on the spectators when he planted it on the roof of the Government House during his administration. But the presence of the Prince will stir up far greater depths of feeling than the Imperial emblem. His whole progress will be a prolonged ovation. The costly preparations show the greeting which they propose to give him. Excitement, curiosity, patriotic zeal, and loyal affection, will pervade every breast. And, notwithstanding his anti-monarchical instincts, many an honest American will acknowledge that, while a Republic is the only form of government to which he would submit, the old country has done well to cherish its ancient and glorious institutions, and to preserve them intact from the rough handling of the democrat.

Nor will the benefit of this Royal visit prove ephemeral. It will knit the colony to England by the strongest ties. The Queen could not exhibit her interest in its prosperity more effectually, or give the Canadians a more convincing guarantee of her good-will. They will feel that her Majesty desires to identify herself with them as far as possible, and that she has taken the best step to gain information respecting their wishes, their wants, and the productive capabilities of the land. The special circumstances, too, which have given occasion for his Royal journey, render it memorable, and constitute it an epoch in the history of Canada. Henry VII condescended to visit his nobility for the purpose of diminishing their power. He sought to cripple their means by forcing on them an extravagant expenditure which would exhaust their treasures. But the Prince's object is to inaugurate a grand national undertaking. The Victoria Bridge is the most recent addition to those wonders by which science marks its onward march. It is another splendid trophy of the triumph of intellect over difficulties which were reckoned insuperable a few years since. The wide span of the river, and the strength required to resist the immense impetus of the flocks of ice as they sweep along the channel at the commencement of spring, seemed to offer insurmountable obstacles to any such attempt. They have yielded, however, to the skill and resolution of the engineer, and the whirr and screech of the locomotive will shortly proclaim his victory. It is fitting and graceful that such a mighty work of art should be opened by the