

to fancy that all of Canada worth considering or planning for is west of Fort William. If, added to this danger of sectionalism, we have also to contend against the temptation to foment racial and religious antagonisms, it will be seen that there is plenty of room for the practice of the most vigilant and vigorous self discipline, in order to keep our patriotism pure and beneficent, to cultivate it as a sacred and cleansing flame that will burn out all the dross of meaner and less worthy emotions with which it may become associated.

So, as to our Dominion patriotism, it is well that we should nourish the feeling of pride and confidence in our own country ; but it is not necessary that in order to do so the more effectually, we shall cherish feelings of hatred or contempt for our neighbors. We may learn a lesson on this subject from the experience of Germany. Not many years ago the petty German States were without the consciousness of national unity, and largely without the ambition of national unity. Their Empire was born of the victory of Sadowa, and the results of the Franco-Prussian wars. When the milliards of the French indemnity came to be poured into the industrial enterprises of the German Empire, a new and unprecedented prosperity came upon the State, which many persons attributed wholly to the fiscal policy of Bismarck, which also had in all probability its own share of the result. Germany became a great manufacturing country, as well as an immense and masterful political and military power. It turned its eyes at once to find fields for expansion and colonization, and it awoke to the mighty and world-encompassing fact of the British Empire. It realized that in what direction soever it turned, there was the flag, and there the arts and arms, the commerce and the industry of England, and the German heart conceived the feeling of jealousy and bitterness, which is one of the most serious and important and menacing facts in the world's politics of the present day. We also have our experience of much the same kind. Were it not for our kinship with our British fellow subjects, and our partnership in all the glories of the history and traditions of the British Empire, we might well be tempted to feel towards the United States as the German people felt towards England. But we should only be equally unwise. It is not for us to cherish any such odious and debasing sentiments. Our neighbors do not cer-