

some claim to the proud title she bears, and that a United Empire is rather a source of strength than weakness, even though we may, by a policy of dismemberment, get rid of some of our responsibilities, that may have at times weighed heavily upon us.

It is not surprising that in the pardonable ignorance existing in England as regards the different parties who are unceasingly contending for power in the United States, many of us should feel indignant at the farce that is being played with respect to the Alabama controversy and the Indirect Claims.

When the Fenian raid was concocting, the Irish element had much to do with this disgraceful story. Now, when the star-spangled banner is fluttering anew and the eagle screeching its shrillest, the excitement is being worked up by another element and by another influence.

I have just received a letter from an American gentleman, a part of which I quote, and which will be of interest, as it refers to a new feature in American politics :—

“Are they never going to be done with that horrid Alabama business? It is so apparent that on our side it is only the political dodge of one of the most rascally parties that ever got the upper hand in the United States, that I should almost be glad in case of war to see the English in Washington long enough to hang thirty or forty of these Germans and their supporters; for in reality it is just this element that is at the bottom of the whole thing. A row with England has been their cry ever since they succeeded in subjugating us, which is about what they have done, absurd as the word sounds.”

After the election is over and the country is quieted down again, we may hope that the policy of the Government will be directed to developing its commercial interests, and cultivating a more lasting and friendly rivalry with its inoffensive neighbour.

At the present time there are indications of various plans of Emigration being hatched by private individuals, by Companies, and others interested in Railways, Mining operations, and Coloniza-