

Canada to be great must remain a united country. Occupied as she is by different races, the Anglo-Saxon and the French-Canadian, she must bear and forbear, recognizing the fact that her self-preservation depends upon united effort for national defence. The French-Canadian element, if disturbing at times, is sound at the core. The thoughtful citizen will forgive them if at times they do show symptoms of French nationalism. Canada was at one time all French, and it is not surprising if at times a certain ebullition of feeling France-ward does come to the surface. In the war of 1812 the French-Canadians were at first restive, but after a time they became valiant defenders of their country, and did yeoman service at Chateauguay and on other fields.

There is no reason to suppose that a state of war will ever again exist between Great Britain and the United States; on the contrary, there is every reason to believe that the ties of kinship between the two nations are so strong and firm that nothing but midsummer madness will disturb their happy relations. Canadians hope for continued peace, but if attacked, they would wield the sword again as in 1812-14. In the meantime their motto must be, as it has ever been, "*Defence, not defiance.*"

Fellow-Canadians, a last word with you :

“ Beware

Of entrance to a quarrel ; but, being in,

Bear 't that th' opposed may beware of thee.”