

the other—grand and gigantic as the scheme may appear, it is one by no means improbable or even remote—I should rejoice to see all the British North American possessions, Newfoundland included, united under a central colonial Government, and represented in a common legislature; each, however, still retaining its own assemblies for local and particular purposes.

It would have the effect of nationalizing “England in the New World,” as distinct from America. Plans for mutual advantage and assistance between the provinces could be more readily and efficiently carried out; the separate and French feeling of a considerable portion of the people would be weakened, if not in their own hearts, at least in its evil influences on the country; the loyalty of Nova Scotia and New Brunswick, the energy and activity of Upper Canada, would act on each other with reciprocal improvement; then, additional confidence and self-respect would be felt by the inhabitants of what would have become a powerful and important State; and the secondary condition of scattered colonies would merge into the dignity of a united nation.

With more than two millions of people, a vast territory, admirable intercommunication, varied