

Whilst this element naturally clings to its national language, and special institutions, yet it has, under the influence of a complete system of local self-government, taken as active and earnest a part as the English element in establishing and strengthening the confederation. The expansion of the African race in the Southern States is a question of the future for the federal republic, which its statesmen will find much more difficult than any that Canadian statesmen have to solve on account of the existence of a French nationality, who possess the lively intelligence of their race, exercise all the privileges of self-government, and, above all things, well comprehend that their true interests lie in a prosperous Canadian confederation, and not in union with a country where they would eventually lose their national identity.

The whole history of Canada, indeed, proves that there has been always among the people, not merely an attachment to England and her institutions, but a latent influence which, in times of peace as in times of peril, has led them onward in a path of national development which every decade of years has diverged more and more from the federation of States to their south. The statesmen and people generally of that country have been always remarkably ignorant not only of the history, of the political institutions, and of the political sentiments of the Canadians, and have never appreciated the tendency of this political development which is in the direction of a new nationality, not inferior to the United States in many elements of a people's greatness. Democracy as a form of government has, in Canada as in other parts of the world where representative institutions exist, made its influence felt in the enlargement of political rights and in the extension of the franchise, and sometimes unhappily in Canada as in the neighboring country, partly obscures and misleads public opinion in moments of bitter political controversy. Happily the principles on which Canadian government is based are sound, and political morality is yet on the whole higher than in the neighboring country. The federal Union gives expansion to the national energies of the whole dominion, and at the same time should