

pigsticker in European quarrels, with which the Canadian people have nothing to do. During the Crimean war men from Quebec and Ontario were enlisted and formed a Canadian regiment. A few years later not a single man remained in the ranks; they soon found out that their position was a false one, and they retired.

Let the recruiting sergeant pass through the Dominion now, and we doubt if he would enlist fifty recruits for service in a British regiment. On the other hand we have no doubt that any amount of loafers and dead-beats would be glad to accept the position and pay of a British officer, as a fair compensation for their distinguished and valuable services to the Empire.

Public Opinion on Emancipation.—We receive from a Belleville leading citizen the following expression of opinion on Canadian Emancipation.

The time is fast approaching when we should have a nationality and be relieved from the degrading position of colonists. If a general wish is expressed by the people of the Dominion for independence, the people of England will not oppose it. Of course we never contemplate a resort to violent means to accomplish our purpose. Our object in forming clubs is to discuss the subject in a fair and peaceable manner. I am of the opinion that we have a right to do so. To be sure the old political hacks and vampires from abroad, who have so long monopolized the lucrative offices in this country, whilst the native Canadians have been excluded and treated with contempt, will undoubtedly oppose the movement. No matter for that; they are as a class worshippers of mammon, and will cease to be attached to monarchical institutions as soon as they cease to be paid for it. It is time that the whole subject should be most thoroughly ventilated.