

expected from it. The Provinces composing it stand to-day as averse as ever to the intermixture and the consummation of the melting in one united mass, as much as oil and water. Each Province adheres still with obstinate singleness of action to what it considers is its own and best interest. Confederation has not created cohesiveness in the least, not a pulsestroke of warmer attachment, neither to parts nor to the whole. Far from it, the ties to the Dominion will feel more and more disadvantageous and oppressive, as the Dominion machinery of government in the long run will impoverish and exhaust them by its sucking propensities to draw all the treasure collected and borrowed in its large and insatiable whirl. The breaking up of this confederation, which is sure to come as a natural consequence, and is but matter of a little more or less time, means annexation.

I contend that there is no other country in the world, civilized or semi-barbaric, possessing as little patriotism, as deficient in sympathetic national spirit, as poor in vitality of power for nationalism, and, in short, as barren of all the elements required to form into an independent nation, as Canada. Afghanistan and Zululand have proved to possess infinitely more of it. There is but an instinctive attachment to birthplace, a clannish predilection for one's own nationality; but love of country in the higher sense, warm feeling for common citizenship, do not exist.

Canada can vegetate as a colony for generations to come, as it has done in generations past, but it can not exist as a colony without observing colonial dependence and obligation. To hang on to the motherly apron and cry for money and money more, at the sometime assuming defiant airs and acting the independent lord and master in the Dominion, is incompatible, and one or the other must be dropped.

However, on the display of independent national proclivities by the Government, I look but as play of "the powers that be" to exist, ever complacently ready to take a turn with the turn of the political kaleidoscope; yet such things happen as sitting down between two chairs.

What Canada needs is an infusion of the stirring blood of American life; its enterprising citizens must take hold of Canadian resources to develop them, and this will come to pass by dictum of the natural course of events, without violent political eruption; that the effect of the exchange will be wonderful, the late revival of trade across the line in its quick beneficial vibration to Canada gives some faint idea. The rise in the value of all sorts of properties would be surprising and surpassing all expectations. What improvement would it not cause in the aspect of the cities of Quebec, Montreal, Kingston, Toronto, Hamilton, London, etc. As this subject is at present receiving deeper thought and unusual serious contemplation, the sooner the problem is worked out, the better for Canada.

Not till the American eagle spreads its wings over the whole Dominion