

CANADIAN NATIONALITY:

ITS GROWTH AND DEVELOPMENT.

CANADA TO ENGLAND.

"Mother of many prosperous lands !
Thy children in this far-off west,—
Seeing that, vague and undefined,
A cloud comes up to mar our rest ;
Fearing that busy tongues, whose speech
Is mischief, may have caused a breach,
And frayed the delicate links which bind
Our people each to each,—
With loving hearts and outstretched hands,
Send greeting leal and kind.

"Heed not the teachings of a school
Of shallow sophists, who would part
The outlying members of thy rule ;
Who fain would lop, with felon stroke,
The branches of our English oak.
And, wronging the great English heart,
Would deem her honour cheaply sold
For higher prices on the mart,
And increased hoard of gold.

"That though many a thousand miles
Of boisterous waters ebb and flow
Between us and the favoured Isles—
The "Inviolable Isles" which boast thy sway—
No time nor distance can divide
What gentlest bonds have firmest tied ;
And this we fain would have you know,
The which let none gainsay !