

## INTRODUCTION.

entitled to do so. A strong representative Central Government will soon set such matters right.

Whilst the ratification of the Washington Treaty is still in abeyance it may not be out of place to review our home policy towards this portion of our United Empire, as it must nearly concern the subject of Emigration in all its different phases.

The loyalty of the Canadians has hitherto been unwavering. A trenchant pamphlet, "The Dream of the United Empire Loyalists of 1776," has lately shown how the blunders of our statesmen have not been able to shake the faith that our Colonists had in the old country. The story of the United Empire Loyalists may not be as well known on this side of the water as it probably should be—but we do earnestly hope that another series of blunders may not give occasion to any future Loyalist to make us blush anew. The wanton Fenian raid into Canada called out the patriotism of the Canadians in a remarkable degree, but only to be damped by the extraordinary conduct of our Government, in thanking the United States Government for exerting themselves to put down the incursion *after it was all over*. Such puerile tactics most naturally wound the susceptibilities of men who had to bear the brunt of this unrestrained insult to their territory from a neighbouring and friendly nation. Loudly too did men complain in my hearing of the cold water thrown on their loyalty by the highest in the land. Whether their complaints were just or founded on fact, I had no means of judging—but from what I know of their new Ruler, they will be perhaps happier in this respect than they fancy they have been of late. It is assuredly a farce for us to send out a ruler to a country if it is to be told day by day by our politicians and our Press that it is at liberty to set up in business as a nation for itself, as soon as it chooses to declare its independence. It will not be blinded by our offer of guaranteeing a few millions for its great railway, on consideration of its accepting a Treaty that militates against its own dearest interests. Let us hope rather that Great Britain may still see its interest is to have