

English capitalists will fall upon fortunes that will realize Dr. Johnson's aphorism of the "potentiality of wealth beyond the dreams of avarice."

This, then, in the boldest outline, is the Dominion of confederate colonies, upon the political constitution and the natural and commercial resources of which I was asked to-night to give a disquisition. It is clear enough from the time it has taken to draft this mere outline, that to perform the task in any adequate degree was simply impossible. No single camera can take in the view; no single canvas would contain the picture. You must be content with but a few side glimpses of its national life.

One of the commonest errors among the ignorant classes in Great Britain is to confound Canada with the United States. That error has been assiduously cultivated by the agents of American railway and land companies, and has seriously injured the colony with the emigrating population. It is almost as frequent an error of better-cultivated people to confound Canadians with Yankees, and to conceive that there is little in the politics, the social life, the tone and manner of the Canadian people, distinctive from those of the United States. If in some unfortunate instances of Canadian travellers and Canadian newspapers there may appear to be just grounds for this confusion, it is nevertheless, as regards Canada, a serious blunder. With many of the characteristics of a new community, developing its strength with a rapidity and freedom unobstructed by old rules, habits, customs, and privileges, the Canadian Government and people are, nevertheless, markedly different from the Government and people of the United States. In the one you have universal suffrage, in the other property qualification; in the one institutions purely democratic, in the other ample popular freedom without the libertinism of a Republican Government; in the one you have a society bent upon the reduction of every individual to one level, in the other a judicious, without a bigoted and tyrannical, recognition of the diversities of human ability and position; in the one you have a quaint commingling of habits and manners, half continental, half English, in the other you