

CANADA AND BERLAINISM.

useful to "think Imperially" means simply a resolution to accept certain vague, foregone conclusions respecting the most perfect economy of real or potential Empire. There may be all manner of local enterprises, and very varied motives behind them, lined up and using the same shibboleth. There is, however, something very attractive in a creed which requires no investigation of things represented by it to the layman, the only concrete certainty of which is that in it shall be individually and collectively improved their present condition.

Imperialism has been well chosen and adroitly presented with its suggestions of an uplifting and spacious atmosphere, which together seem to make investigation unnecessary. Moreover, the men enlisted under this banner begin to look with large atmosphere the narrowest selfishness and benevolence. Under the programme of Imperialism, every considerable interest is encouraged in the belief that it may find whatever concrete values may suit its local needs, and that henceforth the whole Empire promotes

it. If how this works out in the concrete, we may consider, before the advent of Mr. Berlaine, while the British mill-owner, for instance, finds more cloth in Canada, the Canadian mill-owner is being ruined by the competition of foreign manufacturers for an increased tariff protection. Under the new Imperialism, it is plain that these two will each other simply because the Empire is one. Under the unifying influence of the Empire, antagonisms will all vanish, and what now