

and work for them to do, chiefly in extending advice and aid to immigrants from Europe, arriving amongst us, and struggling with the difficulties attending their settlement in a new country. Let us hope that, as the work of these societies is so much alike, they will ever be found moving in harmony and love. Let this work be performed in such a manner, that our national societies shall not be the means of perpetuating national prejudices, or of building a wall of separation between different classes of the population of this land. Let us rather endeavour to found a new nationality and a new national character, composed of the best elements which we find in them all. Let the Frenchman give us his valour and his politeness; the Englishman his love of liberty, his love of justice, his spirit of endurance; the Scotchman his steadiness and probity; the Irishman his ardour and bravery; and, with the divine blessing, which we all equally invoke, we shall produce a Canadian character, worthy of all those great races, that may each claim a share in it.

It seems to be the design of Providence, as it is the understood design of our rulers, that a new nationality is to rise up in this land, which shall be neither French, nor English, nor Scotch, nor Irish, but Canadian. Would to God that it may assimilate only the best elements that are to be found in them respectively. Would to God that our legislators, in this important juncture, to whom is given the rare honour of laying the foundations of a new Empire, may lay those foundations wisely and well; and give

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