

Council in London, and in closer communication with their homes than Scotland's representatives were 40 years ago.

Here is the progress of events, here the development of the federation germ.

THE MORAL.

But my recollections would be of little value did I not draw the moral—present the practical thought—that thought is this—**HOLD TO CANADA AS AN INTEGRAL PART OF THE EMPIRE.** Be strong in loyal attachment to the Crown, and determined to do what in you lies to perfect the bond between the mother country and the colonies. The dethronement of England, with all her present troubles, has not yet taken place. Behind the throne is a greater than Pitt, or Disraeli or Gladstone. She has her destiny yet to fulfill. Towards this every Canadian, young or old, may contribute.

History repeats itself continually. In looking back at the leading events in our history I am amazed to see how small events and almost individual efforts have worked great results. Owing to Sir Francis Head having sent all the regular troops to Lower Canada, Upper Canada in 1837 was nearly lost to Britain. The timely arrival at Toronto that night of Col. McNab in the steamer "Gore," with his 56 men, gave fresh courage to the loyal party, alarmed the rebels and saved the city for the night and until reinforcements could come from other quarters; then the destruction of the Caroline and Col. Prince's summary punishment of the invaders saved Canada at that critical period.

Then look back at the war of 1812-15. Upon how slight a thread did British supremacy then seem to hang when exposed to a hostile frontier of 2,000 miles, and a people whose bitterness to us was that of our own cousins. See what the prompt action of a brock could do in the expulsion of the enemy from the western peninsula and the capture of Detroit. And so at Queens-ton Heights, Chateauguay, etc. Looking further back, but for the combination of American and French forces at Yorktown in 1781 ours might yet be the 13 English colonies and all the splendour of their development into the great nation they are now; and looking still further back to the conquest of Quebec by Wolfe in Sept., 1759, we see the fall of the French on this continent; and but for that victory that day there might have been no United States of America, for the 13 colonies with British power on this continent would in all probability have been forever driven back into the sea.

Motives are great forces. Let the young men and young maidens—the future mothers of loyalists—learn the precious lesson of devotion to our country. Learn to be true—

True as the dial to the sun,
Although 't be not shone upon!

PATRIOTISM.

Let no prospect of social or pecuniary advantages seduce them from their native land. It is large enough and rich enough for all, and is a land more favored with political, educational, commercial, social and christian influences than any other section of the world in proportion to its population.

Why is it that every American youth is radiant with patriotism? Because as a native born he may become the President of the great Republic, and the more humble his birth and life the better his prospects. Here is a motive power, and what is the result? A nation of ardent, intelligent patriots, ready for any sacrifice for the good of their country, and God knows that no nation in the history of the world has ever made so great a sacrifice for truth and liberty as this. And they are prepared to make further sacrifices for their liberties as a christian people. The old puritan fires are yet there and they will flash up yet in defence of truth and right.

Where is the political prophet who can foretell the effect of that Bible incident at the inauguration of Mr. Cleveland, when he was sworn into the high dignity of President of sixty millions of freemen upon the Bible which his good mother gave him when he left home? What a harvest of Bibles will yet be put into the sacks of the youth of America. What an influence for good will that good Christian mother have wrought throughout the world in that gift! O that more Bibles were given by the mothers of America and Canada to their sons as they leave home! Then would there be more patriots—more Cleverlands Garfields—Washingtons Havelocks—Gordons and Gladstones!

But as the young American looks forward to the Presidency let the young men of Canada look forward to being the worthy successors of Sir John A. Macdonald and other distinguished colonists—Sir John being now pronounced by Blackwood's Magazine the foremost colonial statesman, and who, as a member of the Privy Council of England, may yet come to enjoy this distinction among Imperial statesmen. Let the young Canadian feel that he has a future before him that would make him the Premier of England, with her empire of 300,000,000 of subjects; and may he feel that every energy of his life shall be given to her unity and supremacy, and his last prayer be **ENGLAND FOREVER.**

'Tis a glorious charter, deny it who can,
That is breathed in the words I'm an Englishman.'

Yours truly,

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