

In conclusion, since your Excellency is a colonist as well as a soldier, and have besides combined senatorial with military duties, I beg to call your attention to one other circumstance of no slight political significance, which is that the proportion between the native born and naturalized Canadians, hitherto nearly equal, is now changing rapidly in favour of the former, and hence, as no observant man can doubt, it is all but certain that in a very few years the great preponderance of native born Canadians will have called into existence a very much more active national feeling than now prevails. In one word, Canada is fast becoming nationalized and Canadian, and notwithstanding that hitherto, in nearly every instance recorded in history, the rise of this national instinct, in itself most necessary and desirable, has proved a source of division and disunion between colony and parent state, there can surely be no just reason why it should not be made a tie to bind them yet more closely than before, even if on somewhat different terms. And, although it does not seem very clear how the bare permission to become recruits in an English regiment, or even allowing a few gentlemen to obtain commissions in it at a cost (in bounties to the men they were required to raise) fully equal to the ordinary price of similar commissions in other corps, can possibly be construed into a compliment to Canada,—still the formation of a Canadian or North American legion with such substantial differences of system as would at once stamp its origin and adapt it to the social characteristics of these colonies might justly be regarded as such. While the success of the 100th itself, (though partly owing to the extraordinarily depressed condition of the country just then) affords I think, convincing evidence how easily, with a little energy, a force might be obtained from us not only of far greater strength than could otherwise be hoped for, but far more likely to secure our sympathies thoroughly on the side of England. And surely if the Imperial Government can deem it worth their while, as they did during the Crimean campaigns, to ransack every hole and corner