

seems difficult to conceive how these difficulties can now be got rid of without doing manifest injustice to either one or the other of the two great divisions of Canada, unless by combining them with the other North American Colonies under a single Colonial Government.

This is probably neither the time nor the occasion to enter upon any details as to the particular kind of Union that would be most desirable. The writer will only venture to observe, as an individual opinion, that a Federative Constitution similar to that lately accorded by Imperial Act to New Zealand, dividing the whole United Colonies into a number of Provinces, each with an elective Superintendent and Council to administer and legislate upon certain defined and exclusively local affairs,—the whole being subordinated to a Viceroy appointed by the Crown, or hereditary in a branch of the Royal Family, and a metropolitan Parliament of two houses, to deal with all matters of general interest, and to possess the power of exercising a general supervision over the local legislation of the Provinces, so as to harmonise their action, would seem to combine the greatest degree of security to local interests with the greatest unanimity upon all matters of importance affecting the whole United Colony. It would also probably satisfy the wishes and aspirations of the greatest number.

In conclusion, the undersigned craves permission to suggest to Your Grace the desirability of making enquiries, so far as leisure and convenience will permit, during the tour of Your Grace through these Colonies, into the state of feeling existing among them relative to the subject of the above remarks, and their expectations as to their future relations, political and commercial, with their powerful neighbors of the United States, with each other, but still more with the Mother Country. Should anything in the foregoing observations add to the disposition of Your Grace to listen favorably to this suggestion and act upon it, the object with which they were