

hanging together of the different Provinces will not save them. There must be complete union, and complete union means nationality. England has done every thing compatible with the position of Canada to endow it with nationality. No sooner was it confederated than she sent a Governor General who made known her wishes. Previous to him, the Governors were not much in the habit of accepting invitations to public dinners, and making speeches. But he seemingly introduced the custom with an object. He spoke frequently and forcibly of the new nationality which had been started in the world, of its hopes of success, and of the new connection which must exist between it and the mother country, calling it alliance instead of allegiance. The most obtuse could not fail to see the drift of these speeches; they evidently meant to reconstruct the public mind so as to be adapted to the new order of things. Public opinion in England seconded all the efforts of the Governor; the leading papers of the Metropolis spoke openly of the object of confederation and of its ultimate result, independence. But these papers did not speak so plainly then as they did after the Washington Treaty. After the completion of that bargain the *Times*, the leading paper in England, came out unmistakeably. The following extract will show the spirit of its teachings: "When the Canadians turn round on us and say you have muddled away our interests without obtaining for us aught that we desired, you have abandoned our fisheries, you have sacrificed our frontier, you have not given us open trade with the States, you have not secured any satisfaction of our claims for wanton injuries, what answer shall we give? We must begin by confessing our faults. It is true we have failed, we did our best, but we had to keep one eye on ourselves and another eye on you, and all the time to watch the temper and meaning of the American commissioners, with very little intelligence to guide our interpretation of their words; and if the result is not satisfactory to you neither is it to ourselves. This we must say if we would be frank; but we may go on to add