

## CONFEDERATION OF THE PROVINCES OF B. N. AMERICA.

The people of British America are now over 700,000 negroes, and the total amount passing through one of those important of their Exports and Imports at \$71,000,000. crises which always occur to every country. The total trade of the provinces of British America may now be put down at \$140,000,000, or nearly double the trade of the United States 76 years ago. A people who take place, and when the relations that exist between them and the parent state must be placed on a different basis. After many struggles and hardships their people have at last amassed no inconsiderable amount of wealth, and are able to point to the present prosperity and vitality of the countries in which they dwell with commendable pride. The forest, the mine, the sea, the land have yielded to them riches in abundance. Bustling communities have sprung up in every quarter of that extensive range of territory which still remained to England on the consummation of the independence of her old colonies, which have now become a power of such colossal proportions. A century ago what is now known as British America only held a population of about seventy-five thousand souls, nearly all bound to England's hereditary enemy by ties of a common language, race, and history. This population has now increased to four millions, all animated by a feeling of the most profound loyalty to the Power which has so long maintained and protected them, and none more so than the descendants of the men who founded "New France" on the St. Lawrence. Montreal, the "Ville Marie" of the early French, is now one of the finest cities of this continent, and has a population of at least 120,000 persons. In 1790 the population of the Thirteen Colonies was estimated at 3,900,000, including these dependencies of Great Britain.