

the employment in its stead of the flag of the Canadian Mercantile Marine, to denote the successful performance of the obstetrical operation above alluded to. In this at least he is observing due sequence and succession. First cut your cord, then hoist your flag to proclaim the exploit!

The learned King's Counsel professes to discern signs of the waning of British sentiment in the Dominion, one of which, he says, is that whereas in Canada a generation ago "we" always spoke of the United Kingdom as "home," now "we" never do. Some of us, perhaps, but not all. If by "we" the lecturer meant the Canadian people, I scarcely think that when he made that sweeping assertion, he had in mind the Provinces of Nova Scotia, New Brunswick, Prince Edward Island, or British Columbia. Nor do I consider it accurate as regards Ontario or the prairie Provinces. That many thousands of Canadians habitually speak of the old land as "home" is a living fact, and is thus borne witness to by no less a personage than the Prince of Wales. In his speech at the Guildhall, delivered a few days after his return from his colonial tour in 1901, His Royal Highness observed, not of course with exclusive reference to the Dominion, which, however, he had just left:—

*"If I were asked to specify any particular impressions derived from our journey, I would unhesitatingly place before all others that of loyalty to the Crown and of attachment to the old country; and it was touching to hear the invariable references to 'home,' even from the lips of those who never had been or were ever likely to be in these Islands. And with this loyalty were unmistakable evidences of the consciousness of strength; of a true and living membership in the empire, and of power and readiness to share the burden and responsibility of that membership."*

Our eminent King's Counsel draws a distinction between the Crown of England and His Majesty's Government, and while he evidently favours an early cutting loose from the thralldom of the latter, which he variously designates as the "Colonial Office" and "Downing Street," and which is symbolized by the Union Jack, inclines to a continuance, for the present, of our allegiance to the British Crown. It is true that he has not much faith in his own scheme. "How long," he writes, "the United Kingdom and Canada would continue to acknowledge the same Sovereign, no one can venture to say," and he cites what he fitly describes "as examples not of the most encouraging character," that of England and Scotland under the Stuarts, and Great Britain and Hanover under the Georges. He might have added, Sweden and Norway.