

can not make us any the worse Canadians. On the contrary, as our Dominion has only recently been consolidated, and is deficient in literary and historical recollections, and as "nature abhors a vacuum," the cultivation of love for Fatherland will serve to keep the blood warm until old world characteristics shall be wholly lost in a broad national sentiment of our own.

It has not been considered judicious to introduce living men as illustrating any phase of this subject. It will be quite soon enough, when the passion and prejudice of the day have subsided, and the actors have passed off the scene, to award to any of them the crown of patriotism.

Having no desire to be regarded in any other light than as a man of strong convictions, the writer's aim, in these pages, has been to present his honest opinions on the various features of the subject. These opinions may not meet with universal concurrence, but the desire to stimulate a national sentiment will not, he trusts, be wholly unappreciated.