

of England, was appealed to as umpire on the eve of a war between France and the United States, relative to some shipping which Napoleon the 1st. had destroyed. The Crowned Head of England, decided that France should indemnify the United States, by paying a large sum of money. Did France reject His Majesty's decision? No! Old France did not forget French honor. Did England or the United States reject the decision of the Crowned Head of Holland as their umpire? No; their honor was at stake. Did Greece or Turkey reject the decision of England, France, or Russia? No; their honor was in the scale. But we have the example of a majority of the united Parliament of Canada (a dependency of the British Crown) rejecting in undignified language the will and decision of their Sovereign; which no doubt was formed after mature deliberation.

Notwithstanding the above, and the honor of the Parliament at stake, an individual of unenviable notoriety, had the presumption to move that Ottawa was not the proper place for the Seat of Government. This certainly was extraordinary. But what was more extraordinary still, is that a majority in a Canadian Parliament could be found with such little self-respect as to vote for and carry the motion. It is obvious from the above that Canadian honor when weighed in the balance of Nations is "found wanting." This was carrying out to the letter what I have heard some silly individuals say (that because Canada shows signs of one day becoming a great country) "we are independent." We believe that British North America will become a great Empire, but Canada at present is only in the germ—the infant giant in leading strings—an Ajax at its mother's breast; and the rejection of Her Majesty's decision is not only dishonorable, but a stretch of Parliamentary power beyond its constitutional limits, and most impolitic for a dependency like the Canadas, whose geographical position, though admirable for commerce, most deplorable for independence or defensive warfare; and at the very moment holding out one hand to grasp half a continent and the other six millions of dollars from the imperial coffers of loaned money, to be converted into the Intercolonial Railway; that is forgiven our debt. While it is admitted beyond contradiction that we are growing unprecedentedly fast under the fostering care of

and would not let the munitions of war pass from Quebec through their territory, to be shipped to the Crimea, notwithstanding Russia is one of the most despotic and absolute monarchies on the continent of Europe. Paradoxical as it may seem there is a great similarity in the two nations—one is a tyrannical monarchy, the other a tyrannical democracy—that is, in the first, the monarch holds absolute sway over the people, the other, the sovereign people, hold sway over the civil and military powers of the nation; the one has its serfs, the other its slaves; the one has its aristocracy of nobles, the other its aristocracy of skin; the one aims at universal dominion in the old world, the other universal dominion in the new, though I think it is extremely probable that they would agree to divide the spoil between them. The Russian Bear would c'aint and put his paw on a larger portion of the North West territory for a more extensive hunting field, and the American Eagle would extend her wings from the Straits of Belleisle to the Straits of St. Foca, and hold the highway of the world in her talons. Any one must be very little acquainted with the depravity of the human heart, or the history of the world, to doubt for a moment that half a continent possessing such an advantageous geographical position and riches, such as the largest coal fields yet discovered, unbounded mineral wealth, agricultural, manufacturing, and commercial capabilities, extensive hunting fields, with fur-bearing animals, the best and nearest track for the iron horse from Europe to Asia, with the magnificent navigation of the St. Lawrence, its spacious lakes, &c., &c., would be left quiet and unmolested without an army or a navy to protect them, must believe that the prophesy has been fulfilled, and the lion and the lamb will lie down together. If we did but consider we would see as plain as the sun in the firmament at noonday, that our position as an integral part of the British Empire is most enviable, and at this period of our history, can not be bettered; that our advantages are great, that every good subject, who wishes to live peaceable, quiet and harmless lives, must appreciate their happy lot; that, instead of spending our means on a navy for our defence, we are enabled to expend the surplus revenue in developing the resources of our highly favored country; that our commerce is protected by the most powerful navy that ever

both Provinces, begin only a them, and a line, according to E without breadth. Ottawa City Canada on the south side of the and Hull is on the north side of in Lower Canada, and the Union unites the two Provinces is b Thus Ottawa is at the south end Bridge, and Hull at the north end Fridge in Lower Canada. Could more equitable or just and wis disputes. The inhabitants in O one-third French Canadians, are represented in Parliament by a of the Roman Catholic persuasion an equilibrium in political po me ask, what is there to prevent of the City to the Lower Canada is to prevent Hull becoming as lar The Village of Charron, now C was first occupied by the ancient few huts; it did not prevent the London across the Thames, and Canada, with her splend<sup>r</sup> wa that side of the river, will bec great manufacture; the water about equal, or if any difference of Lower Canada. I have been ticular in minutely describing the judicious choice of our belo —not only for the information of ing at a distance, but most parti express information of the leader tion in the Canadian Parliament his place in the House, in my he did not know anything about O ther; he did not want to know, that any Upper Canada memb vote for the Seat of Governme would never get his foot on th House after a dissolution. I ho will pardon me for this digression I have proved to all unprejudic Her Majesty's choice is equitable will now show that it is wise.

Most ancient capitals are inland, London, Paris, Madrid, &c., &c., of for heavy guns afloat to bomba ronto was the capital of Upper war, and being on the frontier taken and the government built to a pile of ashes. Kingston wa of alarm. The above I know

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