

of that Colony been seated in the House of Commons, would the Madawaska cession have taken place? Are not the Oregon difficulties in this very predicament? Peace or war to us is indeed personal. When it is debated whether our fields shall become the lists of battle, our homesteads the arena in which a furious quarrel is to be fought out, surely it is not requiring too much to ask a hearing in the premises. Yet, in our anomalous state, there is no broad and open way of commanding attention, and enforcing our opinions. This is strictly an Imperial question, but one having a stronger, more direct, or positive bearing on every individual in the Canadas, at the present moment, cannot be cited.

We are not in love with abstractions, and seldom wanton with such pellets of the brain. The practical, and therefore the useful, is our sole aim; and he were, indeed, a bold and skilful reasoner, who could disprove the perilous consequences that must follow a continuance of the present system, with our rapid growth complicating more and more its difficulties. We will now suppose the necessity we have contended to exist, has been placed beyond doubt, that we may the more readily point to some of the effects which Colonial representation would produce.

The first echo of a Canadian voice in London heard here, will change forever the current of our feelings, and the complexion of our politics. We shall feel at once we have quitted dependance for equality; and factions will rise to the dignity of parties, and their leaders, from the miserable chiefs of an aimless opposition, will become in truth the statesmen they now profess to be. We would not be misunderstood: we mean no disparagement to either party in our Parliament. They have done their best—made the most of the materials they had; but, after all, our greatest questions are too, too small, and they cannot but feel the paltry game they are compelled to play, and how ill-suited is their grand eloquence to the realities of their position. With Colonial representation this will vanish at once. Called to act on great questions, they will treat them greatly. They will find a subject fitted to their strength, and drop at once their vain and imaginary evils, to wrestle, in the sternness of their utmost power, with those giant realities which are to leave an imprint on the fate of mankind for ages. It would appear invidious to parade names; still we think, from the ranks of either party, but for that reason, we might select some half a dozen, at least, whose appropriate sphere is in the Halls of the Imperial Legislature. These men are struggling with their position, striving to shake off the trammels that are upon them. A stifling sense of dependance weighs down and over-powers their energies, or diverts it into dangerous courses. Lifted to the true level of their capacity, they would feel they were indeed Britons.