

—The Governor-General promises a speedy settlement of the Behring's Sea question: he does not promise a speedy settlement of the Fisheries question. Now we shall again hear reproaches launched at the mother country for not settling these questions with ironclads. The mother country is in daily peril both of a Russian and a French war: she is besides weakened internally by Irish sedition, which Canadian Legislatures have done their best to foster by hypocritical resolutions of sympathy with disunion, passed for the purpose of capturing the Irish vote. She will do all that her diplomacy, now thoroughly well represented at Washington, as well as at Westminster, can do; but it is idle to expect of her anything more. We contribute nothing to her armaments, nor do we allow her any privileges of trade. Sir Charles Dilke is in the right; if Canada wants to be a power and to have her rights enforced by arms she must set up an army and a navy of her own. The Fisheries question with France is more angry and dangerous than that with the United States. France seems to cherish it as a pretext for quarrel: there is no saying to what it may lead; and we should take it on our hands if we incorporated Newfoundland.

—British ignorance of Canada is inveterate. It appears even in the standard geography books, in which we are told that the St. Lawrence between Lake Ontario and Montreal is called "the Iroquois," and that its navigation is impeded "by waterfalls in its course and by its mouth being frozen up for three months in the year." When the ignorance is coupled, as indeed it usually is, with the complaisant assumption of superior knowledge, it is sometimes very amusing. A writer in the *London Quarterly Review* undertakes with supreme confidence to enlighten his readers about everything in Canada, and particularly about the state of opinion. From him we learn that "when the host is elevated in the Metropolitan basilica (at Quebec) it is to the thunder of artillery of the Colonial