

established on the basis of an actual progress, and not upon fancied lines of an unnatural or illusive growth. To expect that the experiences gained by the accumulative forces which laid the foundation of former dynasties and nations would have enabled this virgin country, with its commingled races and instincts, to be nurtured into life, to be grafted upon the confederate stock and to be overshadowed by Imperial authority without an appeal or struggle, would imply a perfectness of administration almost more than human.

Happily for the future of this country public attention has again been turned to it, not as formerly in the spirit of greed and speculation, but with the desire to learn its true capabilities as an integer of the Dominion; men seem disposed to lay aside their political contentions and to take reasonable council together. In the hope that such may be the case, this contribution is made, not in the spirit of presumption or dictation, but in the hope that at least some thought will be found worthy of kindly comment by those who know how earnestly the writer has labored anent gross misrepresentation for a better state of public sentiment in this country. Till such is arrived at, we never can, as British subjects, realize the full value of IMPERIAL FEDERATION.