

splendid steamers, instead of the birch-bark canoe of the poor Indians, and all within sixty years, is matter at once for deep congratulation to the people of Canada, and anxious attention in those who now, or may hereafter, direct her worldly destinies. That much was due, under Providence, to the steady good sense and discretion of Lord Elgin, I am quite convinced, being able to look upon the events of the last five years with no party prejudice. I should really consider it as a serious evil if his lordship should not return to complete those plans of internal improvement, both social and intellectual, which he has indicated, and which the Government is pledged to.

"If the present moment be not wisely improved Canada must retrograde. It is indeed a period of anxious interest, and upon the judgment which those who 'bear rule' display in this crisis of her history much of the future welfare of millions depends. Canadian legislators should bear in mind that they are called upon to make laws for a future

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A nation which I believe to be destined to fill a bright page in the history of the world,—a nation which, remembering her origin and her home, will take an honest pride in endeavoring to imitate, and emulate, and perpetuate the arts and sciences, the literature and the religion, of Great Britain.

"You ask me about the Indians! Poor Indians! They are now a 'feeble folk' and dying out fast. It has been found that the annual gathering of these poor things to receive their 'presents' has led to a good deal of abuse and immorality. The plan suggested of selling the remaining Indian reserves, funding the proceeds, and giving them annuities, may perhaps be more useful to these poor creatures. In any and every case I hope they will be treated with kindness and consideration. England and Canada should never forget the time when the Red-man was their ally, did them good service in their time of need, shed their best blood in the fore-front of many a stricken field, and contributed in no small degree to save Canada to Great Britain.

"I happened to spend a St. George's day in New York, and was gratified at the way in which it was celebrated there. At a dinner I heard the following anecdote about the Indians, which interested me much.

"In replying to a toast, Major Sprague, of the United States army, said:—'Some years ago I was engaged in removing some Indians beyond the Mississippi, and one day when encamped I saw a party approaching me. I took my glass and found they were Indians. I sent out an Indian with the 'Stars and Stripes' on a flag, and the leader of the party immediately displayed the RED CROSS of ST. GEORGE! I wanted him to exchange flags, but the savage would not, for said he—'I dwell near the Hudson Bay Company, and they gave me this flag, and they told me that it came from my great mother across the great waters, and would protect