

Italian languages will eventually become insignificant and dwindling European dialects, as numerically unimportant as Flemish or Danish in our own day. Grimm, the great German scholar and grammarian, pays the English the following significant tribute:—“The English tongue, which by no mere accident has produced and upborne the greatest and most predominant poet of modern times, may be with all right called a world-wide language, and like the English people, seems destined to prevail with a sway more extensive even than at present over all regions of the Globe; for in wealth, good sense, closeness of structure, no other language now spoken deserves to be compared with it.”

An alliance of Great Britain and the American Republic, making for liberty and peace, making for the spread of civilization and representative institutions, making for law, order and righteousness, would prove an auspicious opening to the century we have so recently entered upon, and afford a sure and certain guarantee for the peace, happiness and prosperity of the race in coming years.

A century and a quarter ago an off-shoot of the all-conquering Anglo-Saxon race established itself on the northern part of this Continent and rendered possible the Dominion of Canada. All we are today we owe largely to the forty thousand United Empire Loyalists, by and through whose indomitable pluck and energy were laid deep and broad, and as we trust, the firm and lasting foundations of a great state. From a few straggling colonies with no bond of union we have been welded into a compact nationality, stretching from ocean to ocean, with a population of eight millions. We possess a country of limitless possibilities, whose virgin soil and vast resources are attracting immigrants from all parts of the world. I feel assured we are all one in our hopes and aspirations to make British institutions a grand success on Canadian soil. Love of country, I believe, is the dominating factor of our Canadian people. It should be the distinguishing characteristic of every true man. It was love of country that built up the commercial supremacy of Holland. It was love of country that fired the hearts of the people of the low countries, who, rather than submit to foreign dictation, broke their dykes and welcomed the invasion of the sea. We possess in these stern latitudes the material out of which heroes are made. Who can tell what lies in our immediate future? There doubtless will come a time, amid its changes and uncertainties, when some sacrifice