

*Mr. J. G. Norris, and the Visit to Canada of H. R. H. the
Prince of Wales.*

A CANADIAN PETITION TO THE QUEEN.

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The propriety of sending a petition to the Queen of the British Empire, asking her to visit this portion of her dominions, has oftentimes been mooted, but never carried into effect. Rumours of her intention to come unasked have often reached us—but they, too, have proved unfounded. No one can doubt, should she ever venture across the Atlantic, that she would meet with a right loyal reception—a most cordial welcome from the people of Canada of all religions, of all races, and of all parties; for, whatever may be our differences on other points, we are all united in a hearty acknowledgment of the virtues of the Royal lady to whom we owe allegiance. There are, however, many difficulties in the way of her visiting Canada—difficulties which must occur to the minds of all, and which, perhaps, will never be overcome. These, however, do not apply in so great a measure to the Prince of Wales, whose presence, if we desire it less than that of his Royal mother, we do so because her character is a matter of history—his has yet to be established. As her representative, however, and as our future King, Canada will not be found wanting should he visit her shores. In October next, samples of manufactures of Western Canada will be exhibited in this city; her agricultural productions will also be displayed. What better opportunity could a Prince have of judging of the capabilities of this vast, and, we must add, almost unknown province of the British Empire? Acting upon this idea, Mr. John G. Norris, of Toronto, has the last few days been actively circulating the petition which will be found underneath. Attached to it are the