

parent State and the Dominion. With this object in view we shall, in the course of this article, present to our readers such facts as, to the minds of a Canadian, seem to render a Canadian home more desirable than any other, in any land whatsoever, for that large class—unhappily for the old world far too large—who find life a never-ceasing, unfruitful struggle, cramping all their best energies, and leaving them too often at last mere wrecks on the shore of hopeless poverty,

Considerations of national sympathy for a people who have always been attached to the Empire and its institutions should influence Englishmen to throw the weight of their assistance in favour of Canada; but looking at the matter more practically, it is hardly to be expected that any such national sentiment can prevail with that class who wish to make new homes for themselves and children. When men and women have toiled and slaved for years, amid surroundings of utter wretchedness, in the old world, it almost seems natural that they should come to think, when they think at all, that they must forswear their natural allegiance and seek new homes under a foreign flag. Perhaps some such feeling may often turn the scale against Canada when men are hesitating between the United States and a colony, which, in the minds of many, is even yet wrongly associated with inferiority in some shape or other. Be that as it may, the astonishing progress of the American States, and the comparatively humble position which Canada is still supposed to occupy, have certainly some effect on the minds of the European masses in the way of leading them to suppose that their future prosperity depends on their residence in the American Union. We are convinced, however, that the immigrant, whether small capitalist or humble settler with little more than his industry to aid him, will soon find by experience that the Dominion offers him every comfort and advantage that he can fairly expect. In not a few respects indeed, he will find that Canada is making greater progress than her neighbor, and there are more advantages open to men in the provinces and new territory of the Dominion than in many States of the American Confederation.

Several considerations will naturally prevail with an emigrant of ordinary intelligence when he is considering the question of his future home. In the first place, the all-engrossing question will be whether Canada possesses those resources within herself which will enable him to invest his capital with safety and advantage, whether that capital be represented by his money or his labour. The stability and freedom of its