

into harmony the heterogeneous mass ; for, be it remembered, our population is not composed merely of emigrants from Great Britain, who naturally feel an attachment to the old flag, nor of those from other European States seeking an asylum from the tyranny of despotic Governments ; but we have French, German, Norwegians, Swedes, Danes, Swiss, Poles, Laplanders,—some from almost every State in Europe, who have left their native land and settled in the West, to better their fortunes, attracted hither more by the price of land than by the form of government. Many of them, after a brief sojourn with us—for a trifling inducement—move on to the Western States. Besides this, there is the sectionalism existing in the Provinces themselves. In such a condition who could think, without trembling, of the proposition of some of England's statesmen, that the time was ripe for political autonomy, as without a thorough infusion of "love of country," such a misfortune might be the first step to annexation. More than this, can any thoughtful person say it is impossible for circumstances to arise in the future in which it might appear a mutual advantage that our beloved Mother should ask us to set up for ourselves. It cannot be regarded then as otherwise than patriotic to adopt the name of this Club with a desire simply to inspire the Canadian heart with a love of country, to raise a standard around which—in case of necessity—every Canadian would rally, ready to shed his blood in defence of that which nerves and fires the soul of the true soldier—his country. But in seeking to prepare Canada for any emergency, we be-