

two of the greatest railway lines in the world. Canada cannot be charged at home or abroad with lack of national enterprise. She has incurred a debt of hundreds of millions to secure a national highway from ocean to ocean. She has not feared to offer enormous subsidies to fast steamers to extend her trade with the world. She stands ready to contribute to ocean cables when they can be shown to be necessary for the purposes of her progress. She has invested tens of millions in the construction of canals. Indeed, in the willingness of the Government to embark the resources of the country to any extent in overcoming the difficulties which her vast area and geographical location impose, Canada has gone far ahead of her great neighbour, the United States. With a vast North-West already opened up by railway, containing fertile land without limit, the prospects for the future are most promising.

In such a country, where wealth is being rapidly accumulated, not, indeed, by any spasmodic influences, such as the striking of oil or the finding of gold, but by the steady progress of trade and industries, naturally a strong national sentiment must be developed. "Canada for the Canadians" is an expression often heard in the country. Bright young men, fresh from the University or just admitted to the bar, are full of a sense of national life. Everything is to be done and suffered for Canada and for the progress and well-being of the country. Overshadowing all this is a feeling of loyalty to the Empire. It is our empire and its sovereign is our Queen. A desire to see the honour of the Empire maintained, its rights respected everywhere, and its mission of civilization and enlightenment perpetuated, is almost universal throughout the whole of the wide Dominion. Nevertheless, as time advances, and as Canada assumes larger proportions, and achieves greater wealth and power, it is not unreasonable to believe that the period will be reached when her sons will begin to think of Canada *as* Canada and not as a mere dependency, and when it will be an ambition among her people in travelling over the world to make the name of Canada recognised and respected by all persons. This is surely what might be expected of such a body of men, mostly of British origin. National pride is even a deeper impulse than political allegiance. There is nothing inconsistent with true loyalty in the inevitable yearnings for a national life which must arise in a country of the proportions and possibilities of Canada.

These suggestions only serve to open up the whole Colonial question as it confronts the more enlightened of British statesmen, and will presently confront the most stolid and practical public men. Great Britain has founded many colonies within the past two or three centuries, and the nation is soon to be confronted with the question, What is to be the outcome of all this? It will be admitted that the most important movement in the way of colonization took