

begun to cleanse our civic administration by a plan devised in Galveston; to control our transportation companies by a method which we learned from the interstate commission; to regulate our insurance companies in accordance with the Armstrong Law; to curb our combines with the bit suggested by Senator Sherman; and to conserve our assets with an instrument devised by Mr. Roosevelt.

With the disappearance of hatred on one side, and fear on the other—two qualities which do not forever exalt a nation—we may now apply our minds to discover the good qualities, rather than the defects, of each other; and we shall be none the less good Canadians and good Americans, or any less resolute to uphold our respective ideals.

Probably few persons are aware that there is not at the present moment outstanding between the two countries any cause of public disagreement. During the nineteenth century the bad inheritance which fell to us at Yorktown on October 19th, 1781, was a constant cause of irritation, which frequently brought us to the verge of war. One by one these difficulties disappeared; but to recount the various processes by which they are now forgotten would be to write again the history of British diplomacy and Canada. That has already been done on these pages; and the Ashburton Treaty, the Oregon award, and the Alaskan settlement may now be considered as ancient history.

An acute observer made the remark that, after thirteen years residence in Canada, the fact which impressed him most was the humility of Canadians. They had, he said, a fixed belief that in any transaction with the United States Canadians were sure to get the worst of it. And yet he must have heard a rich Scotchman describe his fortune as the few shillings he had managed to save out of his poor earnings, and he must have known successful traders whose highest ambition was "to get clear without a loss."

It is a cardinal principle of British diplomacy, by which it is willing to stand or fall,—*articulus stantis aut cadentis*, as the old theologians used to say,—that there shall be no