

*faction by those Englishmen and Colonists who wish to see the waste places of the Empire filled up by an industrious population."*

Turn on page 6 :—

*"It is undoubtedly a matter of pride to Canadians that a kindred people should in the course of a century of national existence have made such remarkable material, as well as intellectual progress."*

Now look at page 7 :—

*"In the past the victory has been with the United States, and it must be admitted that the world has gained much by the success of the Republic in building up new States through the aid of European emigrants. Canadians themselves are proud of such brilliant achievements, and believe that it illustrates the career of their country in the immediate future, if it has anything like fair play in the race on which it has entered."*

Again on page 27 :—

*"A few words in conclusion as to the future of a country whose progress not only illustrates the energy but the social elevation of the people. The Confederation is only in its infancy, and yet it is proving its capacity for national expansion."*

But we saw above that all depends on the *interest England* may take in us. We have been told that the past history of the States indicates what the future of Canada is to be, and that the Confederation is proving its capacity for *national expansion*. National expansion, if it means anything, means rising to the force and dignity of a nation. Well on page 28 we read :—

*"Imperial connection is still the motive power in Canadian legislation ; and though changes may be demanded in years to come more commensurate with that higher position Canada must occupy in a not very distant future, yet there is every reason to believe that those changes can be made so as to give greater strength to the Empire, and at the same time open up a wider field to the ambition of the Canadian people. Perhaps the time may come when the Imperial State will find in the Federal system of the Canadian provinces a constitutional solution which will settle many national difficulties and give that unity to the Empire which it now certainly has not. Such a solution may be only the dream of enthusiasts ; and yet there are not a few men already, both in the parent State and its dependencies, whose aspirations take so patriotic a direction."*

Here we have Mr. Blake's hobby horse of Imperial Federation. If Imperial Federation were the desired ultimate destiny of the Empire, a Canadian *National Spirit* is the last thing that would be desirable. If a National Spirit becomes strong, active, pervasive, Canada will become a nation, and if she becomes a nation, she will have to work out her destiny as a nation.

And now to see Mr. Bourinot "fall flat" as Caliban says :

On page 29 our author cries :—

*"But it is in the 'living present' that Canada has now the deepest interest."*