

ships from the daring Scotch Pirates, Barton and Wood.

During the Tudor Period, the sovereignty of the flag of St. George was acknowledged by the Powers by lowering their topsail and dipping their banners as a mark of respect. After the defeat of the Spanish Armada, our Navy and Merchant Service thrived under the care of the later Stuarts. The Hollanders, freed from the oppression of Spain on the High Seas, applied themselves to commerce and maritime affairs, and became a great nation of traders with a large colonial empire, carrying the commerce of all nations, protected by Britain's Supremacy of the Seas. When, however, the Dutch refused by the customary salute to acknowledge that supremacy, a naval action took place, which resulted in a prolonged struggle between the Navies, with the final defeat of the Dutch. And thus, as our traders wandered further and further afield, our Navy was forced to enter into combat with Foreign Powers to protect them and establish their trade centres. In this way was our commerce built up with India, China, Japan, Egypt and South Africa.

Within the last hundred years the settlers of Canada have been conveyed to these shores by the merchant ships. These settlers have been supplied