

of the North rebelled against being made slave catchers by a Fugitive Slave Law, and instead gave assistance, as never before, to aiding the slaves to gain their liberty. There was a war raging between North and South for ten years before the first gun was fired at Sumter, and in that conflict Canada had become an ally of the free states. With the opening of the Civil War the Canadian Government assumed an attitude of neutrality, but of her citizens at least 35,000 joined the Northern armies and played their part in war, as they had already played it in peace, to the end of making the Negro race free.