

of increase, will amount to between 15,000,000 and 18,000,000 souls. Just what influence this vast aggregation of practically foreign population, if admitted into the United States in compact and controllable shape, might have on the future of this country, if under the rigid control of priest and politician as now illustrated in Quebec, it is impossible to foresee, but it is safe to say that its contemplation will somewhat lessen the ardor for the annexation of a country containing such possibilities.

Meantime, returning again to Canada, an influence adverse to annexation prevails there, the force and universality of which very few in the United States apprehend. It is a Protestant force, and its reason for existence is opposition to the encroachments of the Roman Catholic Church; and yet, so pronounced is its loyalty, so prejudiced and ignorant is it in regard to the United States, that it would unite with its bitterest enemy to maintain British supremacy. This force is the secret society known as the Orange order, which, owing to recent events in the progress of Jesuitism, is likely to become, in conjunction with various sectarian bodies, the most powerful organization in Protestant Canada. It is impossible to conceive of a body of men more vociferously loyal to the Crown; and in view of the antecedents of its members, their prejudices and peculiar rites—in which an oath to maintain the British rule is the chief obligation assumed—it is difficult to see how political union can be attained while such an organization exercises an influence so powerful. It would, therefore, seem that two great organized forces