

the colonists* on the one side could not have accomplished the end so dire to us, had they not been helped by the like incentives of professionals on the other. To the latter was added an indolence, or inertia, which seems incomprehensible. Blows were not struck when the first blow was half the battle; leaders were oblivious of the spirit of one of their famous national songs, "Britons, Strike Home!" victories were not improved, as admitted by the best authorities, the colonial leaders themselves; and the loyal military element was neither comprehended nor fostered, utilized nor supported. It is a sad truth, but a palpable truth, that the strength and ardor of a loyalty and a devotion never exceeded, was frittered away; sacrificed in the field, sacrificed in the cabinet, and finally abandoned to the tender mercies of a selfishness and greed, for a generation at least, that knew not the meaning of the term. It may be very impolitic to speak thus; but when a man first contemplates a community, still, as it were, autonomous, and then looks upon another in which his birthright has been almost swallowed up by the immigration of inferior races, lifted up by the force of unprincipled politicians and for party purposes to a plane for which they are unfit—under such circumstances impolicy must be disregarded in the feeling of the independence described by the poet:

"Blest is the man, who, self-content and brave,
Carves with HIS OWN hand his pathway to the grave;
And recking not what others do or say,
Finds in HIS OWN heart his comfort by the way."

* The revelations of private memoranda and correspondence known to exist, would develop extraordinary evidence as to the motives and action of the patriots—so styled. Many eminent families of loyalist origin possess such papers, but are afraid to make them public, for fear of incurring the odium of toryism or social ostracism. The author of this address offered a large sum of money for a letter—one among many inherited—which would have shown that one of the "patriot sires" exhibited characteristics the reverse of the Christian purity which, in erroneous public estimation, invests his name with a halo of semi-sanctity.