

United Empire, the House of Commons is merely a local Legislature, that is useful only for "*Home Rule*."

The apathy that exists as to every thing that occurs outside the United Kingdom has been slightly disturbed by a lucky incident that has at length forced the shortcomings of British statesmen on the attention of the public. Our diplomacy has very nearly succeeded in reducing the nation to the position of a conquered people. That was transgressing the bounds of prudence. As long as it only sacrificed Colonists, it earned very safely its titles and rewards; but the pocket of the British tax-payer has been invaded, and our diplomacy is at a discount—

Sed periit postquam cordonibus esse timendus
Cooperat.

As "a fellow-feeling makes us wondrous kind," a temporary interest may be excited in the following sketch of our experience during the past century of British diplomacy and its fruits.

Vast and valuable as the territories are which we have lost through the generosity and blundering of British Statesmen, the article on "Transatlantic Britains" from the *St. James' Magazine* and *United Empire Review*, that is appended to this, will show the immense extent and enormous resources of the Dominion of Canada, and the great future that is awaiting it.

Since these articles appeared, a correspondence between the Canadian and the British Governments has been laid before Parliament, and gives to the subject I have discussed a fresh interest.

But I am induced to republish them not only for this reason, but also because an article has appeared in the *Times* which has openly avowed that Canadian rights were sacrificed by the Washington Commissioners, and has clearly expressed the views in favour of dismemberment which have for some years past inspired our Colonial policy.

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