

vate judgment could not assuredly have originated or have been permitted to take root in England, or in any of her colonies.

In cherishing her connection with the Parent State, Canada has retained the inestimable advantage of stable Christian government, which affords to individuals the utmost possible freedom consistent with wholesome restraints upon the excesses of democratic opinion or the license of profanity. So long as we continue to uphold institutions which confer upon our people such manifest benefits, we are politically safe. Crafty or thoughtless propagandists may strive to instil into credulous ears a preference for republicanism :—the supposed material gain we might derive from ' independence '

or 'annexation' may be plausibly urged, by politicians who can see no difference in principle between a monarchy and a republic ;—but unless Canadians have forgotten the lessons of their past history, we need not fear for their future. If we have interpreted the history of Upper Canada aright, we may rest assured that Canadian loyalty is no mere transient emotion, liable to be affected by the fleeting changes of popular sentiment, but an enduring principle, powerful enough to enable us to withstand many vicissitudes before consenting to exchange our free institutions, protected by the British flag, and subject to the supremacy of British law, for any other form of government upon earth.