

great and noble work (for we cannot suppose our magnificent Colonial Empire has been given us solely for our own aggrandisement), does it not seem like a dereliction of national duty to neglect any means of fulfilling the important mission entrusted to us?

Emigration, it may be said, is a marked feature in the world's history; all along the track of time we see traces of such movements—the wandering of families, of clans, and tribes, from one locality to another, creating new homes, and forming new nationalities,—and it would seem, in God's providence, to be the glorious destiny of our race to carry with us in our colonization over so large a portion of the earth, the energy of our free institutions, and our laws, and, above all, the civilizing and vitalizing power of our Protestant Religion; for wherever Englishmen settle there is an open Bible in the hands of the people, the only security for good government, and civil and religious liberty,—and to which, as an eminent French Divine, Père Hyacinthe, said, England owes its glory, and its greatness.

Whether or not it be desirable that Government should assist in any scheme of emigration to our great Western Dominion, with a view to build up there a power favourable to her honour and interest, that policy has hitherto received little practical encouragement from the State, but is latterly commanding the earnest attention of several of the Colonies themselves.

That the Dominion is following in the footsteps of the Mother Country, and is rapidly becoming a great marine Power, so far at least as her mercantile shipping is concerned, is proved by the fact, stated by a writer on Canadian shipping, Mr. G. R. Kingsmill, that her seamen already number 90,000, and that in the course of a year or two she will only be exceeded by England in her Mercantile Marine. Should the necessity ever arise, England might find in the hardy Canadian fishermen and sailors ready and able defenders of her Wooden and Iron Walls.

It is not, however, the design of the writer to pursue this subject, which may some day be taken up by others better qualified to deal with it,—his chief object in these pages is to show that Canada needs only to be known as she really is, to become a