

milles Canadiennes-françaises d'une position seigneuriale et officielle qui furent parmi les premières à s'établir au Canada, à travers plusieurs générations en France et des ancêtres Ecossais, aux jours où les Scots sous la bonne volonté des traités et alliances anciennes, trouvèrent de l'alibi et de la soutienance dans les provinces florissantes de Gaule, comme de nos jours les descendants des deux pays trouvèrent un chez-eux sous un drapeau pas moins généreux, sur les plaines fertiles du Canada.

(Miss Dorothy Fraser, in Fraser's Scottish Annual, 1920.)

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#### ANSWER TO CRITICISMS.

"What is the use of stirring up old sores of past history?" This is one of the many objections that some people make to this history, who take much pride in their Anglo-Saxon or Germanic ancestry. The great use of writing a true history of the past is that it helps to avoid the same mistakes in the future. Man being the same, selfish brutal animal in all ages, it is only by experience which is often a very hard master that he learns to improve his etiquette and ethics. Some people point out with pride the great extent and power of the British Empire, and as nothing succeeds like success, the methods of the past should be forgotten. They are mistaken, however, in advocating this policy of silence as to the past. If we have more liberty now than our ancestors had in many respects, it is owing to new conditions under a powerful United Empire. The ruling passion with most people either as individuals or as communities, is self interest. It has taken many people a long time to discover that slavery was a curse to the slave holder as well as the slave in the long run. The same rule applies to the exasperating question of the varieties of religions. The uniformity idea as the ideal state of society is hard to eradicate. In my opinion, the best cure for it is the Imperial idea, which is based on *true nationalism*, and the union of various races, of various languages and religions for the common purpose of self defence and commercial co-operation. I don't acknowledge the divine right of kings, races or religions, or peoples of any kind to expel one people from the land of their ancestors, enforce a new language or a new religion on other people, as the Anglo-Saxon or Germanic element has been doing for many years on the Celtic element of the British people. I am in favour of a limited liability partnership between John Bull, Sandy,