

BRITISH AND CANADIAN CITIZENS

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UNITED STATES.

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To the Editor of the CANADIAN-AMERICAN, SIR:—Canada hears with interest, and it may be safely added with pleasure, that it is the determination of Canadians and Englishmen settled in the United States, who have hitherto declined naturalization or stood aloof from politics, to naturalize; to become active citizens of their adopted country, and thus to obtain a fair position in the Republic for the men of their race and due influence for the Canadian and British vote.

It is not to be desired that Canadians and Englishmen should prefer politics to honest industry, and fill the commonwealth with a swarm of grog-shop politicians, turning public life, the highest of all callings, into the lowest of all trades. Canada and Great Britain have reason to be proud that their sons, instead of becoming wirepullers, bosses, repeaters, and ballot-stuffers, prefer to make their livelihood by honorable means, and are distinguished as citizens only by their loyalty to the common weal and their reverence for the law. But political self-effacement is a mistake. Abstention from political activity has brought on