

President of the United States, to overlook entirely the Governors and Legislatures of our own American Provinces. The under-current of resentment which flows from this neglect might be materially checked by a Royal visit to Canada. As far as regards time, we have shown that there are no insuperable obstacles to such a visit. And for our sailor Queen, with all the luxurious appliances of her royal yacht, it would, we confidently believe, be a source of unmingled pleasure. The glorious St. Lawrence would afford spectacles yet ungazed on by any crowned head. Elizabeth—like the poet's *Gloriana*, in whom she was shadowed forth—was contented to receive from her adventurous knights tidings of the strange new world they had visited: Victoria may see it with her own eyes.

THE PREMIER.

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The Hon. Mr. Cartier, who was a passenger by the *Africa*, arrived in Montreal on Saturday, and will, we understand, be in town early in the week. Mr. Cartier, as we learn from papers received by the last mail, has had the distinguished honor of being for several days Her Majesty's guest at Windsor Castle. A distinction such as this, conferred upon the Prime Minister of Canada, is of no trifling significance. In the most important point of view it tells the world that the representatives of the great Transatlantic Provinces of the Empire are held by the Sovereign—the fountain of honor—to rank socially and politically with the titled ambassadors of the proudest of European monarchies. As servants of the Crown it places them upon the same footing as the great officers of state. It gracefully gives the people of Canada a right to ask that their Sovereign will allow them to show upon the banks of the St. Lawrence, how well they can appreciate the courtesies extended to their representatives on the shores of the Thames; and lastly, it scatters to the winds the malicious and unpatriotic forebodings of those who predicted, as they, no doubt, earnestly desired, that through their representative their country would be dishonored, and a triumph given to their selfish partizanship.

Fortunately we have in Sir E. Bulwer a Colonial Minister who knows how to appreciate, and who dares to encourage the loyalty of the Canadians; who can understand the feelings of the people as well as the material wants of the country, and who is too astute and too manly to yield to the outcry of faction what is due to the dignity of the empire.