

dual plaintiff in one and defendant in the other, and thus obtained fees from both parties. In the Canadas, a property qualification is necessary for the office of magistrate, but the law in the case is not much regarded, so that legislative interference has so far proved abortive.

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*Neighbourly kindness in some of the Northern States—  
Observations on the Currency, &c.*

Having described one side of the American character, it will not merely be an act of ordinary justice, but a pleasing duty, to refer to the other. It is an unusual occurrence to be accosted by a beggar in any part of America. It sometimes happens that a poor labouring man on a journey applies at a house to request a night's lodging, which is usually granted, with some refreshment in the morning to carry him forward. There are hospitals for the relief of the sick, where the indigent poor are taken care of; and in some places, in cases of sickness and distress, it is usual for the neighbours to volunteer their services, and to sit up with and assist the afflicted; and should an instance result in death, pecuniary and other assistance are supplied for the interment. Such instances of neighbourly kindness redound to the credit of any community.

It is much to be regretted that the Americans should foster such a groundless antipathy to the English nation; and the arrogance, boasting, and conceit of the Yankees are at all times very obnoxious to the straightforward character of John Bull. It is, however, to be hoped that time and increasing knowledge will tend to dispel their weak prejudices, and that an intercourse may be established between two nations so naturally allied founded on principles of amity, honour, and sincerity.

The currency in Canada is as £120 is to £100 sterling. The Spanish dollar, or bank paper, is 5s. currency, equal to about 4s. 2d. sterling. The dollar is divided into 120 coppers. In dealings with shopkeepers the English shilling is generally taken as a quarter of a dollar.