

amiable people, but once let a question arise that appears to affect their race or religion, they become easily excited. Happily for the peace and prosperity of Canada, whenever questions have come up during the last fifty years, likely to precipitate a conflict of races, the sound sense and intelligence of the people of French and English Canada have at last obtained the supremacy. Canada already owes much to those able men among the French Canadians who, rising superior to national prejudices, have looked only to the ends of justice and the good government of the country.

The remaining three and a half millions of whom at least two millions live in Ontario, are made up, in about the same proportions of people of English, Scotch and Irish origin; the German and other foreign nationalities forming but a small element of the population. The descendants of the loyalists who founded the most prosperous sections of the Dominion have always exercised much influence on the political development of the country. The Scotch have brought into Canada those characteristics of thrift and energy which have given them the superiority, in every country to which they migrate, and we find the "canny Scot" consequently not only among the leaders of political parties but at the head of all great commercial and financial enterprises which are doing so much to make the country wealthy and prosperous. The Irish are on the whole a contented and successful class, who fully appreciate the liberal system of self-government which Canada gives them in common with people of all nationalities. It is also important and interesting to note in this connection that while the population of Canada is divided by the Census Returns into four large classes as respects its origin — French, English, Scotch and Irish — the great majority are native born. In consequence of the small immigration that has come into Canada compared with the millions who have poured into the United States, the native Canadians now form the principal element of the population. The fact that there are over four million people born in Canada is important inasmuch as it gives some explanation why there exists in Canada above all other dependencies of the Empire, a strong national sentiment — a pride in Canada and her successes — and an earnest desire to place her in the van of the British communities of the world.

Let us now consider some of the results which have been achieved by these five millions of people who occupy a country of greater area than the United States. The