

dispatch but soften the rigor of toil, and make farming a much more pleasant calling.

Politically, Canada can boast great progress. The men who in earlier days fought the battle of the wilderness, had also to fight the battles of civil and religious liberty. The machinery of our government as at present constructed, is such that if good laws are not enacted and faithfully administered, the fault is our own. The power lies with the people. The Government is responsible to Parliament, and the Parliament is chosen by the people. The franchise is so low that every man fit to vote may soon be able to do so. In no particular do we enjoy one whit less liberty than our republican neighbors.

We wish our kindred south of 45° all prosperity. Britain may well feel proud of such an offspring; and her child, even if occasionally wayward, cannot fail to rejoice in such a mother. "Hail Columbia!" march onward to the proud destiny awaiting you in the future! We in Canada hope to follow close upon the heels of your progress, and in due time cut a respectable figure among the nations of the earth.

The advancement of both countries however, depends upon our cultivating kindly feeling, and living as neighbors always should live—not seeking every one his own, but every one another's good. To this end let us both devoutly respond the prayer of Judah's King to the Almighty: "Scatter thou the people that delight in war." And may we both in our intercourse aim to realize by happy experience that "Ephraim shall not envy Judah, and Judah shall not vex Ephraim."

War between John and Jonathan!—let it not so much as be named among us as becometh brethren—one in origin; one in language; one in our common Christianity; united by intermarriage, by commercial interests, by telegraphs and railroads, and a thousand other ties that forbid in tones whose vibrations tingle upon every ear, the fratricidal folly of making war.

Let no other strife prevail between us but which shall be foremost in every scheme calculated to advance the happiness of our own citizens, and benefit the

entire family of man. And let all the people of both countries say, Amen.

Another feature favorable to the present aspect of Canada, is the enlarged and enlarging character of our school system. Without money and without price every child can claim a common school education, and the facilities for superior mental culture are already respectable and yearly becoming better. Religious privileges, too are vastly in advance of what they were wont to be. Ministers of all denominations are numerous, and are scattered all over the land. There is nothing in our climate to frighten any one. Summer's heat and winter's cold are within moderate bounds, and for a healthy country we are pre-eminently blessed.

It is true the land now at the disposal of Government is not so convenient or so generally good as it was; but throughout many of the partially settled portions of the country much fair land is obtainable at moderate prices. There is also a government draining scheme being at present carried out in Ontario, which, it is anticipated, will bring into the market large tracts of good land hitherto useless. Then there is the Red River region, a very Goshen, to which a tide of emigration will flow through Canada as fast as a convenient channel can be opened for it. In view of the considerations advanced—and they are not colored—we invite our countrymen and others to try Canada as a home. Very many thousands of its present inhabitants, living in abundance, landed here poor in pocket and forlorn in feeling. Persevering industry, honest dealing, and sober habits lead infallibly to competence.

In Canada we enjoy a goodly inheritance, and we invite you to share it with us. We have a generous soil, great mineral wealth, invaluable timber forests, fisheries unequalled in the world, a genial climate, liberal institutions; and, as a whole, we are a loyal, law-abiding, contented people. The fruits of past effort are apparent in our railway and canal systems, the growth and wealth of our cities, and the many thousands of improved farms that dot and beautify the land. And what Canada will be fifty years hence no one can prophesy;