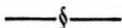


CANADA

AS A MILITARY POWER.



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THE Dominion of Canada, steadily rising into the position of a powerful State, cannot but awaken, in the mother-country, feelings of intense interest and satisfaction. Her population, occupying the northern portion of the great Western continent, and living under time-honoured and well tried institutions, is largely characterised by those qualities of stability and energy which have made the northern nations of Europe the hardiest in war and the most persevering in industry. Within that vast territory, nature wears her most benignant as well as her sternest aspects. To win a home out of the primeval forest, or contend with the long winters of Lower Canada, while it braces the strength of a self-reliant people, is not favourable to rapid growth and progress; but the country is not all wild and rugged.

In the West there are more genial skies, and the distant valley of the Saskatchewan expands itself into an immense area of fertile soil, compared with which the neighbouring lands of the Great Republic, are but arid wastes. When the wave of population has surged through the intervening forests, it will acquire redoubled power and volume as it flows over that far West land of promise.