

South Pole than any other white man, he is to be found, every where strong-minded and clear-headed, a chief having subjects under him, whom he directs for their advantage and his own profit. Whether a farmer, mechanic or merchant, he always aims to be the best of his class, and a model for all. The influence of such a people must be great. *They* do not see the gain of "annexation," and until they do, we may pause on the consideration. The numerous "Americans" in Canada, feeling apparently as if they were looked upon as repentant rebels seeking comfort under the old flag, have never held the position to which they are entitled by their wealth and character. Of the Irish, the Protestant portion are fervently loyal to the British Crown, and the Catholic, like those with you, not remarkable in this line.

Another "stopper" is now found in our popular Governor-General, for the huge mass of undefined or half-formed opinion is often directed in its course by little touches, like as the finger of a child on the steering apparatus of a leviathan steamship turns the monster to north or south.

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appears one of the high types of humanity, who, on becoming Governor, has not ceased to be a gentleman, whose influence will be directed for good, and who will endeavor to achieve that most difficult thing for an European—to look at American things with American eyes; but we must remember that even "Earls" are made from the common ingredients of common mortals, and that when we subtract from the best of us all the folly and all the weakness that enters into our compositions, there may be little left to make the man.

As a rule, if you scratch any newly arrived Briton you may find a buccaneer, impressed with the legendary idea that all possessed by Americans, whether political or material, is a sort of spontaneous growth, to which he has no special right against the will of the first-come European. Our Governor-General is probably far removed from this, and there has been a manly frankness in the kindly social relations which he has courted, that gives him a large place in the hearts of our people, who see comfort

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that gives us for pageantry a high-minded representative of Majesty, and saves us from some diligent governor of our own choice, who might, in these days of speculation and sudden fortune, engineer many schemes with more profit than honor.

To conclude, you must not forget that we are not yet fully out of our colonial swaddling clothes—that our thought comes from European sources, transmitted through European influences. When thought, emancipated and Americanized, enables us, with American manliness, to look with disdain on European pretensions, and the third generation ceases to speak of Europe as "home," we shall be prepared for a change of some sort.

Such are the musings of one who is now a mere looker-on.

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