

means without many exceptions. My experience as to the facility of recruiting for "B" Battery, in which there is no prospect of a permanent career, leads me to suppose there would be no difficulty in maintaining a comparatively large force in the manner I propose. There have also been a considerable number of intelligent French and Alsatian soldiers who prefer becoming Canadians to being Prussified.

But why have any soldiers, or guns, or forts? "The best defence of Canada is no defence"—that oft-repeated paradox of unsexed intellects, so dear to hearts that dwell in the trousers-pocket; "for, where the treasure is, there will the heart be also."

The peace-at-any-price paradox-repeaters may be found criers of "peace! peace! when there is no peace;" and the sordid may regret, in the end, that they did not insure against the sword as well as against fire and shipwreck.

Of those who consider the Washington Treaty, the payment of the *Alabama* award, the yielding of our frontiers, our fisheries, and the Fenian claims, as the advent of the millennium of peace, or a proof that England has abandoned all idea of helping us or enabling us to defend ourselves, I would ask: When did the payment of tribute ever shield the weak and pusillanimous from the strong?

Did the gold of the degenerate Roman keep the Barbarian from her gates until the sword of the soldier was flung into the scale? But we live under the Christian dispensation; and our polished and friendly, though powerful, neighbours are not barbarians.

As to Christianity rendering war impossible, its Divine founder said He "came not to send peace, but a sword;"