

—a race capable of developing our material resources, perfecting our constitution, creating a splendid literature, and defending our honour and interests.

Our past history, and the vigorous and prolific races from which we have sprung, under God's blessing, insure us such a race and such a destiny. Our waving fields of golden grain, our improving farm stock and pasturage, proclaim our Saxon lineage; the love of the sea, which sends us to the water as to an element we are born to rule; our vast shipping and foreign commerce declare that the spirit of the Norsemen—the old Danish nature—is in us yet, —the nature of the Vikings,—against whose piratical might and arms “the litany of more than one nation contains the supplication: ‘From the Devil and the Danes, good Lord deliver us!’”

In the magnificent structures of Ottawa, Montreal and Toronto, and in the great public edifices of our country, we see cropping out the Norman architectural skill, to which England is indebted for the noblest and most substantial structures which survive, in fine preservation, the revolutions which have swept over the land, and the all-devouring tooth of time.

In our school-system, complete from the common school up to the University, in our deep religious convictions, in our reverence for authority, in our conscientious obedience to law, “whose voice is the harmony of the world,” we have abundant attestation that the old Latin love of political and social order, of learning and religion, is not eliminated from our nature. In the mirth, pleasantries and abounding wit, in the high, heroic courage and sparkling eloquence of many of our countrymen, we see the scintillation of Celtic fire.

Yes! we are the descendants of the old Vikings, whose allies were the tempests; of the law-making and law-abiding Romans; of the Saxons, with their simple, quiet, bucolic spirit and love of the soil; of the gay and chivalrous Normans, and of the restless, fiery, impulsive and noble-hearted Celts.

By the fusion of these races a grand composite has been formed which is called “the Anglo-Saxon Race.” It is this race that has possession of this country—a race that is increasing prodigiously, and that has in this Dominion produced men of the highest