

rank, by which they may be distinguished. Whether it be that of Judge or Colonel, however, it designates the holder of a position, and is not simply a title of honour.

A citizen of the Great Republic, when abroad, can bear no arms, nor title, as a credential of social rank. He must be received or rejected upon his merits alone. He stands as the social equal of a foreign duke, for the reason that in his own country there is no higher rank than that of "gentleman."

Can it be of advantage to the Canadian abroad, that any, who care to enquire, must understand that there is here a select band of decorated colonists, holding social precedence over all who are not placed—so to speak—in the Downing Street herd-book of colonial thoroughbreds?

As an integral portion of the British Empire we must submit to the social decree, which places every insignificant member of the English peerage far and away above a Canadian Minister, or Chief Justice. It is at least possible for Canadian public sentiment to frown down all attempts to continue the creation of a petty aristocracy in our midst by the distribution of paltry titles, which are shared with the dusky Nawabs of Hindostan.

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