

qualities which are essential to the unity and security of their Dominion.¹ Conscious of the success that must be the reward of courage and energy, Canada enters upon the future with confidence and tranquillity, and asks nothing from her great competitor except that consideration, justice, and sympathy which are due to a people whose work on this continent has just begun, and whose achievements may yet be as remarkable as those of the great federation to their south. The same mysterious Providence that has already divided the continent of America as far as the Rio Grande between Canada and the United States, and has in the past prevented their political fortunes becoming one, still forces the Canadian communities with an irresistible power to press onward until they realize those high conceptions which their statesmen and people already imagine for them in a not distant future; but whilst the stream of Canadian development refuses to turn aside from its natural channel and swell the current that is ever carrying forward the federal republic to so high a position among the nations, Canadians on this eve of another year, with its new hopes and aspirations, wish God-speed to their neighbors in their unparalleled career and trust, as the months pass by, that the clouds which hang over the two countries may disappear, and a bright prospect of continuous friendship may open before them both—

“— As the varying tints unite
And form in heaven's light
One arch of Peace.”

¹ The present governor-general of Canada, Lord Stanley, of Preston, speaking from the high standpoint of an English statesman anxious for the welfare of Canada, has of late seized every opportunity that has offered itself of pressing upon Canadians the necessity of cultivating this spirit of self-reliance and of facing all the difficulties of the present and future “in a manly and hopeful spirit.” Sympathetic speeches of this character keep alive an English feeling and maintain the unity of the empire.