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descended from the best stock, their development in traits that are vigorous and self reliant is remarkable. At home they make the most of what has been given to them. Abroad, in large numbers they fill the best places with the most conspicuous success.

To the world at large, the Canadian people exhibit an aggregation possessing all the virtues of contentment, of the most devoted loyalty, of self sacrifice therein, and in manhood the most perfect development. With the highest standards in education and in professional life, with a financial record unblemished, with industry, energy and integrity of purpose apparent on every hand, it would seem that so far as the people themselves are concerned, nothing is needed for the substratum of a great nation. With a growth in national spirit, and a steady resistance of temptation to part with national existence for material advantage, the Canadian people present to those who appreciate their position, virtues, achievements and sacrifices, which make them a people unique in themselves.

These two great sections of the human family together possess this continent, one sixty five millions in number, the other five millions. No two divisions of the human family living side by side ever had so much in common. Both have wants that each alone can supply, wants that are imperative, that cannot safely longer be unfilled, that neither prejudice, policy, nor lack of foresight should stand in the way filling.

With a view of interesting the people of this larger division the book has been written. Hence there will be parts that is not applicable to the smaller division; but, taken as a whole, it will perhaps reveal to the thoughtful Canadian a good deal that otherwise he might not realize, and give him a conception of the conditions prevailing in the neighboring republic, which will very largely influence the relations hereafter to exist between the two countries.

The commercial depression that exists in the United States, its causes, and the changes that may follow, are all important for Canadian consideration, especially in view of the fact that one-fifth of the Canadian people are resident in that country and are directly concerned, while the influence of these conditions can hardly fail to reflect itself on the rest of the continent.

These considerations may make it interesting to follow the writer in