

of extent, with a population for the most part English, and within little more than a week's sail from our shores.

Whatever may be its political state, Canada, of all our possessions—with the exception of India—must always be the one which will retain the deepest interest for the people of the Mother Country. Descended to us as an heritage from our ancestors at the cost of much blood and treasure, it has grown from a colony into a nation eminently English in feeling and interest, and loyal to the back-bone, destined, we may believe, in God's Providence, to become one of the foremost nations of the Earth. With its boundless capacities as an outlet for the over-population of the Mother land, Canada possesses circumstances exceptionally favourable for the healthy development of the Anglo-Saxon race, having a soil of great fertility, and a climate, upon the whole, perhaps the most healthy and invigorating in the world ; and is, besides, the cheapest and least taxed of any country,—advantages which must give it an importance that none of our minor dependencies can boast of. As a distinguished statesman, Earl Russell, once remarked in Parliament :—" Canada ought to be the right arm of England," and it is this feeling which must give Englishmen the deepest interest in whatever may strengthen the bond which connects this country with the Dominion.

That Canada is increasing in enterprise, and prosperity, there can be no doubt, for in every department of life and labour there are unmistakable evidences of growth, and an advance in all the elements of material wealth, while the Canadians are displaying a growing sentiment of nationality, a good omen of the future greatness of the Dominion. All that is wanted is increase of population, where there is " ample room and verge enough" for hundreds of thousands of industrious hands, and inexhaustible material resources, scarcely yet developed. It will not afford any one a living without labour, but it will give, as it has given, to honest, earnest, persevering toil, a rich and permanent reward.

When, therefore, God has given us such a nation, with every circumstance, opportunity, and appliances for carrying out a