

assiduous blowing: otherwise they are cold. In spite of family law-suits about boundaries and fisheries, everything tends towards the effacement of the last vestige of a conflict in which, after all, the bulk of the English people had no part. Everything forebodes a perfect reconciliation of the English-speaking race. Even here, in spite of the United Empire tradition, the signs not only of reconciliation, but of fusion, are all around us. We have just seen the banners of the American mingling with those of the Canadian Odd Fellows in the streets of Toronto; and this is only one example of the organizations of all kinds, social, religious, commercial and intellectual, which ignore the existence of the dividing line. The exodus to the States is not a very pleasant theme; but those who revel in the thought of "sending rifle-bullets through a Frenchman, a Russian or a Yankee," will have to take care that their bullets know how to discriminate between a Yankee and a Canadian settled in the United States, to say nothing of the fact that a million of our people are Frenchmen. We lavish money in founding a Military College for the training of officers to lead us against American invaders; and the first thing we hear is that one of our cadets, after having completed his military education, has gone off to earn his livelihood as an engineer at Chicago. The fortification of Montreal was an essential part of the scheme of Confederation. What has become of the fortification of Montreal? Of a political federation, extending over the whole globe, it is absurd to dream; but a moral re-union of all who own Great Britain as their parent and speak the tongue of Shakespeare is an idea which is fast, though silently, becoming a fact, and against which it is as useless to wrestle with angry denunciations and appeals to evil memories as it would be to wrestle against the diffusion of the morning light.

Only in case the Government is obstinate about conceding to the nation the necessary freedom of deliberation with regard to the line north of Lake Superior, or anything else which might require further consideration, will it be in place to recur to the errors of the past. Let us dismiss the past from our