

are essentially a businesslike people, and self-interest actuates in a large measure their Colonial policy. Canadians of British origin have the same characteristics, and while undoubtedly fervent in their loyalty to the person of the British Sovereign, the choice they make in consolidating their interests with the British people is not actuated by sentiment alone. At this juncture in her history Canada looks for a wider expansion for her trade and produce. She is most tenacious of her political autonomy, and thoughtful men who have studied the question can easily perceive that if this expansion of trade is not directed towards the East it is bound to flow towards the South, which means political union with the United States. Once secure as an integral part of the British Empire, united by those so-called "sordid" ties of close commercial union, as well as sentiment and government, Canada will be in a much better position to dictate terms to the eighty million people in the United States. There is much more fear of absorption by a giant republic separated by a mere line on the map, than by a people of forty millions separated from her by some four thousand miles of ocean. The time has come when the United States is evolving an Imperialistic sentiment, and either by force of arms or purchase will undoubtedly strive to acquire new territory. Were Canadians to shirk the responsibility of Imperial Defence, and allow gradual absorption by the United States as a result of closer commercial union, they would probably find themselves involved in wars of a more or less fratricidal character; for the great struggle which is bound to arise between capital and labour, and the terrific "negro" problem, both point towards sanguinary conflicts in the not distant future. Great Britain is not likely to call upon her Colonies to assist her in wars unless in cases of dire necessity, and that would mean that the Colonies would fight from motives of self-interest as well as loyalty to the heart of the Empire.

Messrs. Montague and Herbert again and again use the word "sordid" in speaking of the forging of commercial ties between the Motherland and her Colonies, and in so doing