

affairs, and to treat them with sympathy and affection, and what has evidently happened in Canada will be produced elsewhere.

But of all the portions of Lord Dufferin's tour that seem likely to be productive of good practical effects, his visit to the cities of Chicago and Detroit was perhaps the most important. It is quite impossible to overrate the consequences that may flow from an improvement of the means of communication, and an extension of the commercial relations between Canada and the great grain-bearing States of America. The co-operation of the Canadians and the people of these States is alone required to build up a commercial system of gigantic proportions, and that would be advantageous alike to each. The rivers and lakes of Canada constitute the natural outlet for the produce of these wonderfully fertile States; and as that fact is duly recognised now by both sides, we may fairly hope that the obstacles in the way of a more free commercial intercourse between them will soon be removed. That Lord Dufferin was immensely pleased with his reception, and with what he saw on the American side of the frontier, is evident; and we cannot but believe that his visit to the American States and his trip through Canada will be productive of good practical effects as well as of kindly and pleasing feelings.