

panian in the dangers and in the heroic exploits of the great Africa explorer Stanley, is one of the officers furnished to our Imperial army by the Dominion of Canada. *Ex uno—we may hope—discite omnes.*

Is it not possible to imagine that in the future, as in the Colonial Permanent Forces increase in numbers, some similar exchange of men, as well as officers, may be made between the Imperial and Colonial Armies?

We had an instance of a somewhat similar action in the raising of a whole regiment in Canada in 1855. The matter may have faded from the minds of many, so that it may not be amiss to describe what was done. Great Britain was then in the throes of a great struggle—the Indian Mutiny—and had recourse to Canada for soldiers. The 100th Regiment (now known as the Prince of Wales' Leinster Regiment—Royal Canadians) was entirely raised in the Dominion. Twenty of the officers and all the men were Canadians, many of them of French origin. There was no difficulty in obtaining the number required. The regiment left Canada 1,200 strong, served in England and the Mediterranean, and returned to Canada eight years afterwards. At the termination of their 10 years' engagement (the regiment being still in Canada), many of the officers and men settled down once more in their own homes. The 100th shortly afterwards returned to England, and for some time subsequently a depot was maintained in Canada for supplying the regiment with recruits. Though still bearing the name of the Royal Canadians, and having a maple leaf for its cognisance, this regiment is no longer composed—more the pity—of the hardy sons of the western forests.

A Canadian author (Major Boulton) states:—"The raising of the 100th Regiment in Canada in 1858 has been of unimportant service in fostering the military spirit of the country, and in maintaining loyalty to the British Crown. For the 1,200 men of this regiment were taken from the homes of the Canadian settlers, who keenly followed the fortunes of their friends through the vicissitudes of British military service. . . . No more serviceable material could be found anywhere than is to be found in all parts of Canada—men of good physique, inured to hardship, accustomed to the use of weapons, and full of experience and resource."

I cannot forbear quoting the words of the Right Hon. W. B. Dalley—recently alas! lost to the Empire—with reference to the dispatch to the Soudan of the New South Wales Contingent:

" . . . The statesmen who contemplate the disturbance of the world's peace will from this time not limit their calculations so far as England is concerned to her ironclads and her armies. They will consider the rapidly increasing millions of her colonial subjects, their boundless resources of all forms of material wealth, their capacity of swift and effective organization for purposes of offence as well as defence, and above all their triumphant resolve to stand by the Great Empire in her troubles, and to spend and be spent in her service. No ill-considered and uncalculated wars will be engaged in by even the most reckless of military despots. And our joyful sacrifices will aid the cause of peace."

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