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BRITISH ACTIVITY IN CANADA.

There can be no doubt that the English government has made a distinct change in its attitude toward the Dominion of Canada. For many this one industry. years, says the Globe-Democrat, thepolicy was to relax the intimacy of the ties with the parent country, and to cultivate the virtue of self-reliance in the group of Canadian provinces. But within a recent period England has placed a new estimate on the vast slice of North America kets-all that is a benificence that that is under its flag, and is drawing nearer to it politically, courting its works. It is the crowning glory of special demonstrations of loyalty, civilization. favoring it financially, and strength-

ening its means of defense. No longer ago than the ministry Disraeli the colonies, and not least of all Canada, were considered a burden, giving no adequate return for the care they imposed on the home gov- remedy is for sale by Blakeley & Houghernment. All that has passed 'away ton. as far as Canada 1s concerned. At the recent jubilce the Canadian premier was loaded with titles and decorations, and 'the signs are numerous that Canada is now much on the minds of British statesmen. The status of the dominion has suddenly risen in importance.

The reasons for this significant change are not hard to find. Canada is a vast possession. Its area is equal to that of the United States, and it is in the track of the world's development, running for ages from east to west. England reads in the enormous growth of the population and wealth of this country that the day is not distant when our lead in almost every direction will be established. 1f the United States could reach so great a development in a century, it must seem to England that Canada, which is adjacent to us, and also stretches from ocean to ocean, must have somewhat similar possibilities. The British Islands are but dots in the sea. Canada is half a continent. It is undeveloped, and therefore unspoiled. England, stung by the recent effort in Europe to isolate it, has drawn nearer the colonies in order to realjust its position, and Canada is the chosen favorite of the flock. But can Canada be built up into rivalry of the United States by any resouces that England can bring to bear? Experiments in this direction have hitherto failed. Emigrants have been assisted to settle in Canada, but in a course of time find their way to this country of better oppornities. Since 1870 over 1,000,000 Canadians have emigrated to the Tnited States, and that number is one-fifth of the present population of the Dominion. England may spend large sums on Cauadian international improvements, fortifications and lines of steamships, only to discover in the end that the strong currents running toward this country cannot be diverted nor divided. When the English plans for Canada are reduced to practice they may arouse troublesome jealousies. Halifax, for instance, strongly objects to the choice of St. John as the terminus of the new line of fast transatlantic steamships. Canada is a peculiar combination of races at best, and the attempt to Anglicize it completely in trade and feeling can hardly succeed no matter what gifts and favors are heaped upon it. The course of England's new policy in Canada will excite interest, and it will also bear watching.

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