

“that is so. Canada is the country of the happy golden mean and this is the reason why in Canada the man and the woman are equals, helpmeets for each other—and get along so well together that in all that 10,000 there is not a divorced man or a divorced woman. If all the 404 persons that have been divorced from each other since Confederation (more than a quarter of a century) were alive there would not be enough of them to supply one representative in all that 10,000 group.”

243. But see, the manager of the show has given the word of command and now the ranks are in confusion. What's going on? Oh! I see—the 10,000 are ranging themselves according to their places of birth. Ontario's banner floats proudly in the van, Sir Oliver in front with 3,576 persons marching to the music of “Ontario, Ontario, the traitor's hand is off thy throat.” Quebec's flag flies over 3,027 persons with the great bearded Tailon in charge and the band stirring the soul with “Canada, *mon pays, mes amours.*” Behind come Nova Scotia with 893 persons proud because they have provided the Dominion with one of its Premiers; New Brunswick with 623 persons headed by a deputation from the lively, bustling city of St. John with its perpetual reminder of the need for hustling in the rushing roaring tides of Fundy Bay; Prince Edward Island with 219 persons following the standard borne by a possible Premier of the future; the North-west Territories with 126 persons; Manitoba with 117 persons discussing school questions and Hudson Bay Railway and water routes; and British Columbia with 77 persons, whose faces carry on them a suggestion of the breezes of the Pacific Ocean.

These are native-born Canadians.

244. Following them at a short distance are 1,341 persons separated into two divisions, the first being 1,015 British-born; the second 326 foreign-born, the brainy Scott being represented by 223 of the 1,015, the upright, downright John Bull by 454, and the witty Irishman by 308. Cousin Jonathan has 116 representatives in the 326 foreigners, and Germany has 58; all other countries having to divide among them 101, Russia and China having about an equal representation.

“Bystander” here remarks in fitting terms upon the homogeneous character of the group: “All British-born in that 10,000 except 326. Divide them into groups of 100 and there would be only 3 in each group who had not the inestimable privilege of being born under the meteor flag that ‘has braved a thousand years the battle and the breeze,’ and does not look the least bit tattered yet.” He tells his neighbour that native Canadians with their thorough training in self-government have got an exceedingly strong grip upon the vast territory of Canada and will see that law and order are maintained. He is even now descanting upon the value of the present condition of things in its bearing upon the future of the country, especially with respect to Manitoba and the North-west, and is expressing himself well satisfied that in the early settlement of those regions so large a proportion of the settlers are native-born. He even goes so far as to say that it is not an unmixed evil that immigration from outside countries has been in the past so small and hints that we are only now prepared to receive into our midst without damage to ourselves a large foreign population. We have got the municipal system firmly planted over our wide area. We