

## RACIAL AMITY AMONG CANADIANS.

No person or class of persons now living can be held responsible in the slightest degree for the fact that the term "Canadians" includes people of many different races. Apart from the circumstance that **foreigners** have for a generation past been cordially invited to make **Canada** their permanent home, and have in great numbers frankly accepted the invitation, the truth must be accepted that, after the Indian tribes, the first settlers were from France, that in 1713 and again in 1763 they chose to remain in British America under the Treaty of Utrecht in the former year and the Treaty of Paris in the latter, and that they have been ever since increasing steadily and rapidly in numbers. Naturally the largest Canadian-French contingent is in the Province of Quebec, formerly Lower **Canada**.

During the half century of the separate political existence of these two Provinces, from 1791 to 1840, Lower **Canada** was becoming more and more French, while Upper **Canada** was filling up with English-speaking people, and after the partial union of 1840 this difference became increasingly accentuated. The federation of several Provinces into one Dominion in 1867 involved the virtual re-separation of Upper from Lower **Canada** under differing systems of law, polity, municipal institutions, and especially education. Friction between the two races was inevitable unless they should be able to tolerate one another, and this has never been their mutual relation.

For many reasons, but chiefly because it is necessary to promote the solidarity of the whole Dominion, irrespective of race and religion, it is extremely desirable to bring about a better acquaintance between the French-speaking and the English-speaking people of Quebec and Ontario. To effect this was the motive of a visit of representative citizens of this Province, a few months ago, to different parts of Quebec, including its commercial metropolis, Montreal, and its venerable and interesting political capital, Quebec. Needless to say, the visitors were received with a hearty welcome and treated with characteristic hospitality. Of course they came back delighted, and equally, of course, they have enlisted the aid of others to treat in the like whole-hearted way a delegation of representative visitors from Quebec. These fellow-Canadians of this broad Dominion may rest assured that when they come they will be heartily received by the people of Ontario in every place where they may sojourn during their stay.