

the superstitious horror of the old Canadians at the new inventions and innovations of the Anglo-Americans, were very amusing. The river craft of the Canadian "voyageurs" was so unrivalled in its way that we may pardon them for beholding the first steamers with jealousy. One of them is said to have exclaimed, as he saw them ascending the St. Lawrence, "Mais croyez-vous que le bon Dieu permettra tout cela?" During this tour I often thought of the old story of the American, who said that "if the United States ever got possession of Canada, they would soon *improve* the French off the face of the earth." The French party speak of the late Lord Sydenham as if they really believed him capable of conceiving and executing such a project. On the other hand, not a few of the English settlers, while they praised his zeal and habits of business, and devotedness to the interests of Canada, took pains to persuade me that if his measures were enlightened, his means of carrying them through the legislature were equally unscrupulous. One of his admirers, deeply imbued with the spirit of his policy, is said to have declared, "We shall never make anything of Canada until we anglicize and protestantize it;" to which a French seigneur rejoined with bitterness, "Had you not better finish Ireland first?"

Some of the American travellers whom we met here were extremely entertained with the military display of the large army now quartered in this province; the reviews, the bands of music, the trains of baggage-wagons, which they occasionally met on the roads, the barracks of infantry and cavalry, the new fortifications of Kingston, and the old ones of Quebec.