

INDEPENDENCE DAY.

To day is the 120th anniversary of American Independence, and no one, not even the most rabid Tory or royalist, looking back at what that movement of the ragged continentals of that time has accomplished, can deny that it was a revolution fraught with immensely beneficial results, not only to the United States but to the whole American continent.

Had the movement been unsuccessful, instead of the whole American continent being to-day practically free and independent we would find the several nations which compose it parcelled out as potato patches for British lords and tobacco plantations for Spanish and Portuguese hidalgos, and the people in a condition of comparative slavery. True, we enjoy freedom in Canada, but the conditions existing in Ireland and India today and other British dependencies go to show that other than humanitarian and statesman-like influences have brought this about.

For the bulk of the American people with whom we have come in contact, with a few shining exceptions, we have no very high regard. They are as a rule narrow, selfish and boastful; but for that immortal document—the Declaration of Independence and its noble signers we have profound respect and reverential worship. In it the rights of man are duly acknowledged and clearly defined, and although it has not always been lived up to by the people as a whole, it still stands to-day as a beacon light to the oppressed nations of the earth and a warder on the watch tower of liberty.

To think that old conditions must always continue is to stagnate; why, even a field cleared of its original shrubbery will develop, if left alone, an entire new growth from the old, and as we grow out of old associations, customs and superstitions, we drift farther and farther from the mother country and form a distinct people.

We cannot live on the past glories of the English flag, which even loses its significance to English born residents, who have been in this country for a number of years and have adapted themselves to the changed conditions, as in the case of Goldwin Smith and others.

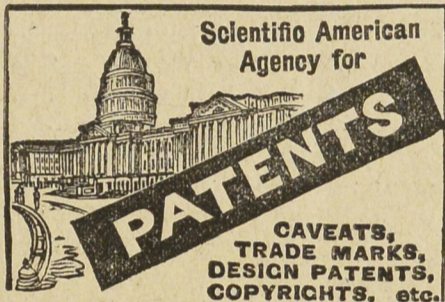
Independence is as vital to the life and prosperity of a country as light and air to an individual and the holding of one nation by another separated by leagues of

sea is an abnormal and unnatural condition of affairs which must in the very nature of things in time work out a change.

Business Notes.

Mr. W. A. Lindsay, the well known keeper of the York street restaurant, has recently enlarged his dining room so it will now accommodate societies of over 50 guests. Private parlors for small parties, ladies or gentleman. York street, Fredericton N. B.

Mr. N. H. Lindsay has recently started up a restaurant in the building on Regent street next to Murphy's bakery where he intends keeping a first-class restaurant, carrying everything belonging to the trade in every line and in their season at popular prices. Don't forget boys, to give him a call.



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