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Fenian business, as a military enterprise looking to the forcible overthrow of British rule in Ireland, and especially through an attack upon Canada, is not yet apparent to everybody ? Can even Irishmen be duped any longer into supporting such a chimerical, not to say criminal, undertaking ? What good results has this Fenian business yet produced ? Look at that miserable Canadian invasion of last summer. A few poor Canadian farmers killed, and now a half-score or more of infatuated men wearing out the weary hours of a long imprisonment, having barely escaped the halter by the kind interposition of our Government, are all the fruits it can boast. So, too, of the late attempted rising in Ireland itself; what has it amounted to? There, too, a few victims have been furnished for the prisons, and that is all. Who can show that this whole Fenian movement, from its start down to the present time, has accomplished anything whatever for the cause of Irish liberty ? Grant all that is said about English oppression, grant that the object of Irish independence is a noble one, grant all as to the ends to be achieved that the most ardent Fenian can claim, and it does not help the matter any. Many a noble object has been sacrificed by the folly of those pursuing it. Brains are needed for success even in a good cause. It is our deliberate opinion that the cause of Irish liberty is being hindered and put back by the follies of the Fenian leaders. We look upon the proposed invasion of Canada as an illegal and colish enterprise, which, if persisted in, will simply result in putting a bringing them to the scaffold. Ireland is not to be liberated by making war upon Canada.

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