

in 1884, a year in which the farmers were able to erect over ten million dollars worth of new buildings and purchase over four million dollars worth of farm implements? I find the explanation in the Report of the Ontario Bureau of Industries for 1883, which makes the following statement: "The table showing the value of farm property in the province has been compiled from the returns made by farmers. It is difficult to obtain reliable figures under this head so long as the fear exists that the inquiry is made with the object of levying taxes." So much for statistics of Sir Richard Cartwright, from whose speeches Dr. Bender takes his figures. Dr. Bender says: "Newfoundland's revenue this year has fallen short of the estimates accompanying an over-expenditure during the same period." Is it possible that Dr. Bender believes that Newfoundland is a province of the Canadian Dominion! It is quite probable that Newfoundland will eventually be annexed to the Dominion, but at present the Government at Ottawa is no more responsible for the condition of Newfoundland than the Government at Washington is for that of Cuba. I do not wish to convey the impression that the Dominion is enjoying extraordinary prosperity. There are very few millionaires, but the people in general are well-to-do. There is very little poverty, a great deal of comfort, and the country is making as great progress as can be expected when the difficulties to be surmounted are considered. It may seem strange, but it is nevertheless a fact, that the men in Canada who favor the disintegration of the Dominion and annexation to the United States have always opposed the adoption by Canada of measures and policies that have already been successfully tried by the Americans; and if the provinces ever do by any chance join fortunes with the States, no more patriotic citizens of the great republic will be found than the Canadian Dominionists. They are not men of narrow, sectional views. They believe that the whole is greater than its part. The unit now is the Dominion, and I think it always will be, but if annexation ever does come about, if they are forced to give up their hope of establishing a highly civilized northern democracy ranking as one of the world's great commercial nations, they will not be a drag on the progress of the United States as some of the Provincialists are upon that of the Dominion.

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