

ANNEXATION.

There are a few editors in Canada that have given some hints about their views on this question, but for fear, favor or policy, they have dropped their quill.

We do not profess to be well posted on political questions, but at the same time we intend to express our views on this important question clearly. We now tell you that we are in favor of annexation, for the following reasons:

We were fairly diddled out of the State of Maine at the close of the Ashburton Treaty. That State was geographically ours, and should have been ours territorially. We consider further that the underhand, slipshod, dishonorable way the United States Government have treated the Fenian body, is tending to bring about annexation, which may eventually provoke a war with Britain. Other nations have been noticing the loose policy of the United States. We believe that large numbers of the inhabitants of Maine would prefer our government and our trade.

The Western States are well aware of the facilities of our means of export, and the advantage it would be to them. Americans are not always blind to their own interests. There is no nation on which they look with so much admiration as on the British nation. Besides the Germans who are very numerous in the West have every respect for the British people. The South are ready to rise in rebellion against the North the first chance they have. Right and justice generally gain power. Britain has acted with leniency, kindness, justice and mercy towards the United States.

If the States cause a rupture and powers are shaken the stretch from Portland to the Rocky mountains may desire our allegiance, and we will say come and join us. We will protect you, and your trade shall be our trade, and your interest our interest. You shall have equal privileges in our timber, our mineral, our navigation, and our fisheries, our laws and our foreign markets. We will leave the Southern part of the States to their own management.

The Dominion of Canada must be maintained, and when our opportunity arrives it may be judiciously increased, as soon as the people of Maine and of those Western States desire it, and we think that would be very probable on the outbreak of a war with Europe. They are already so heavily taxed that farms and plantations have to be sold at \$1 per acre.

The Canada Company sold wild land last year in the adjoining County to this, for \$100 per acre, and no good farm that we know of, could be purchased within 20 miles of here, for less than \$25 per acre, and many could not be had for double that price. This shows the prosperity of the two countries. The Annex-

ation must take place from applications being made by the inhabitants of Maine, Wisconsin, Michigan, Iowa, Minnesota, Kansas and Nebraska, and Maine we understand has previously got up a petition for that purpose, to which 19,000 signatures were attached, making application for that purpose.

We shall have a better chance of annexing some of their Territory to ours, by acting kindly towards them. Their policy has been to attempt to drive us to annex to them. Britains cannot be slaves. Their reciprocity treaty, and their encouragement of Fenian hordes, are not the right plans to gain over British subjects.

Indecent Advertisements & Quack Medicines.

In the New York State Senate a bill was set rolling that is likely to carry with it the whole army of quack doctors and patent medicine vendors. Mr. O'Donnell offered a resolution requesting the Judiciary Committee to report a bill forbidding the publication, in the newspapers, of the indecent and foolish advertisements which are calculated only to attract the attention of unwary youth of both sexes, and like the spider and the fly, only draw them into a net which may prove their destruction. It also strikes a blow at the root of the abominable practice of sending about sealed envelopes containing notices of quack nostrums, and forcing them upon the attention of persons, offering for a certain sum to furnish some specific warranted to cure all the 'ills that flesh is heir to,' and some ills not known to those who first practiced the healing art. In nearly every house in the land you will find more or less of these humbug panaceas. It is well known, also, that quacks of a similar class beseege boarding-houses and seminaries, and contrive to introduce their books and pamphlets there, thus instilling a poison into the minds of young girls that results in untold misery. It is in view of these facts that a bill is to be prepared to try, if possible to check this great and growing evil.

We clip the above from one of our exchanges, the *Kingston Whig*, the editor of which, according to our judgment, has more real method in him than is possessed by the majority of the editors in Canada. We would ask you as farmers, if you do not agree with us in saying, that nearly every paper you receive is disgraced by some great puff of some catch-penny in the editorial columns, or what ought to be the editorial columns of a paper. A farmer's advertisement can scarcely be found or read, from the great spread of advertisements that are of little or no importance to him. We intend to have as little as possible to do with such. We have been applied to time and again to insert advertisements, and undoubtedly we might have received good remuneration for them, but we have commenced this as a farmers paper and wish farmers advertisements to be seen in it. Parties would willingly pay us for the whole of our advertising space would we take it. We feel confident the farmers will appreciate our efforts. Advertisers are beginning to learn that this is the best means of making their requirements known in the Western peninsula.

Our Bee.

We have had what are called bees for carrying on improvements on the farm, and have been to many. We now propose making another bee, in which we hope all office bearers, professional gentlemen, merchants, post-masters, farmers and M. P. P.'s will exert their influence, either in the office, on the platform, or on the farm. Let each one that wishes us success, on the second Saturday of April, in the afternoon, endeavor to obtain subscribers for us. What is 50 cents per annum to any man in comparison to the utility of an Agricultural paper? If you are satisfied that this is a useful publication, established in your midst, see that your name is on the list as a supporter of it, whether you live in the city or country. Whatever is beneficial to the country will be of advantage to the city. Farmers of Canada! let this no longer be said, that the subscriptions of the inhabitants of the City of London alone, are equal to one-third of all the farmers names on our list, in the whole of Canada. We issue 4,000 numbers each issue, the majority of which are sent promiscuously throughout the country. Many have been sent regularly to farmers and others, who we expect will send in their subscriptions, as the papers from most of them have not been returned. Those that we have had returned, have principally been from the most miserly, narrow-minded, and meanest of men. We have not the slightest idea of giving up the paper. See our motto. Persevere and Succeed. Remember Nelson's motto. England expects that every man this day will do his duty. If you are on a farm go up and down two Concessions in your neighborhood, show your papers to others, and put the *Farmer's Advocate* on a good foundation.

If you are a thoughtful farmer you must see that it must be to your advantage. Do not forget the day, nor neglect your duty. The *Farmer's Advocate* Bee the 2d Saturday of April. A premium will be awarded to the person that makes the best return this month.

EDITORIAL CHAIR.

We have now before us the following papers for perusal, viz: The *Australian Mail*, *Melbourne Post*, *London Times*, *Kentish Epress*, *American Agriculturist*, *Country Gentleman*, *Mother's Joarnal*, the *Journal of New York State Agricultural Society*, and the *Hammatonian Culturist*, besides our Canadian exchanges, which are increasing in number.

We have also been sent by some unknown friend a large pile of blue books, on the various public institutions of the country. Also a large package of religious clippings selected by a pious English lady. We tender our thanks to all. The periodicals are very useful to us, the blue