

conceded that unless some strange unaccountable hallucination has taken possession of these respective bodies, acting as they have done independently of each other, Confederation is a measure identified with the best interests of the Provinces themselves, and one that ought not to be unnecessarily withheld or delayed for a single day. Who so competent to judge of the necessity and value of Union as the people of the Provinces themselves? Why then should any doubt be raised, or any suspicion be cherished, as to the motives of so many millions of people whose future depends upon the success of the great measure under consideration? From Sydney to Sarnia, from the Bay of Fundy to the Bay of Hudson, there is but one prevailing sentiment of loyalty towards the Sovereign of these realms. The prayers of the people there, as here, ascend for her welfare. In the history of England, her laws and her institutions, we claim a common property. We speak, for the most part, the same language, we sing the same songs, and we cherish the same national traditions and reminiscences. Our forefathers were familiar with the sights and scenes that the people of these Islands hold most dear, and all the great achievements that reflect honour upon the memory of the patriots and heroes of former days we, too, recount with pride and pleasure. England's National Anthem is ours. We know no other. The very nursery-rhymes, as well as the festive songs of her palaces and princely halls, are sung in the cottages and farm-houses of every portion of British America. The statesmen of England, her orators, her jurists, her poets, her scholars, her Press, and her benevolent institutions, are the models we imitate; and, as descended from the same stock, those of our youth who have never set foot upon these shores, yet instinctively, as it were, learn to call Great Britain "HOME," and these Islands "THE MOTHER COUNTRY."

To the people of England then we appeal, and say if not exactly in obedience to your bidding, yet certainly complying with your recommendation, as expressed by the foremost men of the Empire, the British North American Provinces now approach your Government and Parliament, with a measure, a scheme, the draft of an Act of Parliament, by which they seek to be united. Such a spectacle the world was never before privileged to behold. No