

they are what the clever Secretaries of the old Board of Trade were in 1750, compared with such men as Franklin, Washington and Adams. What these last were then, the Baldwins, Lafontaines, Chandlers and Wilmots of North America are now. I speak not of Nova Scotia, although I know that her sister Provinces accord to her the intellectual rank to which she is entitled. I know the men who sit around me here—already I can hear the heart beat of the generation which is springing up to take our places, and I do not hesitate to say that room must be made upon the floors of Parliament and within the Departmental offices of England, for the aspiring and energetic spirits of this Continent, or they will by and bye assert their superiority in the intellectual conflict which those who attempt systematically to exclude them must provoke. Talk of annexation, Sir, what we want is annexation to our mother country. Talk of a union of the Provinces, which, if unaccompanied with other provisions, would lead to separation; what we require is union with the Empire—an investiture with the rights and dignity of British Citizenship.

In the United States, every 40,000 people send a Member to Congress. North America has sixty-two times that number, and yet sends not one Member to the National Council which regulates her trade, controls her foreign relations, and may involve her at any moment in war. Mark the effects of the American system. The discovery of gold