

That is the party to which the annexation *movement* belongs, so far as it has had *motion*. The fire-eaters of that party are those who, if they were patriotic, would do well "by leaving their country for their country's good" and emigrate and leave this Canada of ours to reside wherever in the United States or elsewhere — anywhere that either business, or health, or convenience might seem to recommend them to go. We should be glad and the country would do well to get rid of them, and as they would answer well to stir up the anarchistic element in your cities which has been so largely imported from Europe, and is of such acknowledged power, that we would prefer their enjoying, to the full, all the sweets of American liberty, as it is called, which is so much appreciated by demagogues of their stamp, for they are more needed in your country than they are in ours.

The rank and file of these people prate and sympathise and sympathise and prate about "Home Rule for Ireland," and with Home Rulers — Fenians, and "Plan of Campaigners" with their dynamitards and secret plotters and assassins, because they are themselves disloyal.

I am quite aware that the "Grit" party do not *all* belong to this category. There are a great many honest, loyal, peace-loving citizens in the so called "Reform party" but the rank and file are disloyal to the country, and would do anything that might oust or overturn the party in power. It is amongst them and by some of them and *some of them only*, that all agitation, (if I may call it so) has been brought about, which you are pleased to term "the proposed Annexation of Canada" to your own country and Government, but they are a very small minority of our people.

I am aware that Mr. Erastus Wiman, a Canadian, residing in New York, outside of the Congress at Washington and some of your Legislators inside the Congress have made a considerable *splutter*, (it does not amount to an agitation) in favor of Commercial Union between the two countries, and that two of the Toronto daily papers and other Grit papers in the Dominion have written and published a good deal in sympathy with, and in the interest of Mr. Wiman and those who favor his views. I am also aware that many, honestly enough, only wish for Commercial Union, whilst some would willingly go in for annexation with the great North American Republic, and others for Colonial Independence; but rest assured, it is only the *talk* of the few, and almost, if not altogether confined to the "*sore heels*" I have referred to, and the few who would sell their country, (as many of your American citizens