

titles and lucrative positions for hungry politicians are of small moment. There is a certain class of men who are incapable of seeing anything from any other than a personal stand-point. There are men, for instance, who, in their anxiety to make money out of a rapidly increasing population, would throw open our doors to the riff-raff of the gorged centres of older lands. It is a matter of indifference to them that these incapables will become the fathers of the Canadians of the future, and that the character of the Canadian people for all time will be determined by the class of emigrants whom we entice in the two next decades to our shores. They do not care for the greatness of this nation. They care only for themselves. Now, I repeat, not the interests of certain individuals possessed by a pardonable desire to get on in the world, but the welfare of the whole Canadian people shall be considered in the settlement of these questions. Canadians will insist that the right to join the Canadian ranks be treated as if it were a privilege, and be granted only to those who are worthy of it, and Canadians looking back over past years may readily admit that the momentous question of our political relations to the United States was entitled to the fullest discussion and that every side light which could be thrown upon it was worthy of attention. The question of annexation is settled now. It has not been settled by argument alone. Events have marched over the heads of the annexationists. They are submerged by the practical unanimity of Canadians. We are not to be Americans, but Britishers, and this conclusion of the Canadian people finds itself to be in accordance with those principles which Seeley