

it, there will be no proportionably increased expense attending its collection or management. It will not cost any more to take the royalty on five million tons of coal, than it would on fifty thousand.

MISREPRESENTATIONS.

Such then are the commercial, the political and fiscal aspects of this vitally important question. Look at it as we may, test it at every point, it will bear the most ample and the most searching scrutiny. It secures to us all the advantages of a Union of interests and influences, without the slightest sacrifice either of position or of honor. I am well aware that objections have been made against it, and that many entertain sincere though groundless apprehensions as to its result. These objections, however, I have been unable to find any where put together in a tangible or intelligible shape. The arguments against Union, have in no instance, so far as I am aware, got deeper than general declamation, against the character and position of Canada and Canadians. The debt of Canada, the taxation of Canada, and the evil intentions of Canada, have been iterated, and re-iterated, in language more remarkable for its vehemence than its truth. Again, it has been stated that we are about to be *annexed* to Canada, as if the Union had in it, at any rate, something so degrading and humiliating, that in accepting it, we parted with our liberty and entered upon a sort of serfdom. A more infamous calumny was never invented, and its very absurdity is its own refutation. Does the member of the remotest shire in Scotland feel himself in any way inferior to the member of Middlesex in England! Is there a man or woman in Rhode Island, or Connecticut, who does not feel that his or her position in the Union is, politically speaking, on an equality with that of the proudest man in it? So will it be with Nova Scotia in our Union. While the British flag floats over us, ostracism is impossible, and the son of the poorest backwoodsman may, if he has the ability, direct the Government and guide the destinies of the United Colony. Such a charge is but an insult to our reason, a charge which no honest man will make, and no reflecting man will for a moment entertain.

The general charge is in itself gross enough, and absurd enough, but when we find that in addition to this is added,