

earnest asking, and because the people of both countries, by ten years of observation and study of the facts of the case, are convinced that such a union is inevitable, and sure to result in great good to all concerned.

But it is said in some quarters, and by some it is shouted forth as if it ended the discussion, that "English sentiment" forbids union of Canada with the States. Indeed, the very noise made over this assertion is suspicious. It sounds very like a gun heavily charged with powder without a bullet in it. It makes, at discharge, only a hollow roar—a dreadful roar, but that is all! Let us translate this vociferation into calm statement, put it into sensible shape, so sensible men, seeking after the truth in this discussion, can get at it and measure it and see how much it actually represents and stands for in this vital problem of future connection.

Translated to statement, then, this "English sentiment" assertion means this: That there is in Canada, and among the whole body of Canada's inhabitants, such an intense and personal love for England, English connection, and the English flag, that they would not tolerate any other connection, no matter what commercial and political advantages it might bring, even with the kindred banner of the States.

Very well. Now, friends, such a statement is true or it isn't true. If it is true, it ends discussion and fixes their fate. If it isn't true, it leaves the future open for reason and judgment to decide what it shall be, in the interests of those now living and of their children after them. Let us see which.