

# Should Canada Annex the United States?

"What's that?" you say. "Surely the British Columbia Monthly publisher has got his question turned round when he asks: 'Should Canada annex the United States?'"

## A Last Word in the First Place

### To Readers Generally

The title is appropriate, as this sheet supplements the eight-page insert, and is being printed after all else is through the press.

The publication of this issue has been unavoidably delayed. We believe that most people find that they have problems enough of their own. We value all the more the measure of interest shown by business men and readers generally in the welfare of this Magazine. We trust that the delay will be held atoned for by what is practically a double number.

### To Kiwanians

First, we regret that, before going to press, it was impossible for us to see more Kiwanians regarding advertising. But we shall try to give those interested in magazine community service other opportunities of using this periodical.

Next, we know that, like all else, the "Kiwanis-featuring" will be open to criticism. In that connection we are reminded that Robert Burns expressed a great truth in lines like these:

"What's done we partly may compute,

But know not what's resisted."

To estimate fairly our attempt to feature Kiwanis, one would have to know the conditions—of which we have perhaps suggested enough under "Why Feature Kiwanis?"

### The Daily Press and U. S. Periodicals

Anyone scanning the article in this issue on "A Canadian Magazine Publisher's Problem," will scarcely need to be told that we sincerely welcome the editorial attitude re U. S. publications recently taken by Vancouver "Daily Province." In the "Province" and elsewhere, too, we have read one or two pointed references—which only need to be followed up by the daily press to lead to something practical being done in the interests of Canadian periodicals. If they will, our Canadian newspapers can help Canadian magazines in more ways than one. After all, all we want is a fair field in our own country.

But no: We mean it, and in more ways than one. In this Magazine we have suggested before that something of a process of peaceful penetration and permeation of Canada by the United States, is going on—through Service Clubs and otherwise. Is not it time that we Canadians of British stock not only got into Canada, and the Canadian West particularly, more of our own stock direct from the Homelands, but that we began to turn the tables on our good friends to the south?

Why should not the United States consider some fuller direct and deliberate form of collaboration, if not of amalgamation, with the British Empire—preferably through Canadian connections and associations? If we as Britishers said that "we are willing to take them back," no doubt some folk on both sides of the border line would laugh at the very idea, and perhaps call it fantastic, British presumption—or worse. And yet it goes without saying that our Canadian and British Governments are as "free" as any government in the "Land of the Free"—and perhaps more so! . . .

So we venture to raise the question not merely as Western Canadians, but as Canadian and British Imperialists who believe that with British inter-Empire interests developed, our British Commonwealth of Nations can not only be economically independent of all others, but increasingly wield an influence in world affairs that will make for lasting peace and prosperity—if it be possible that these blessings can come permanently to this earth in this age, and with human nature as it is?

### Canada for Canadians—and British Stock Preferred

Meantime, while not wishing to be indifferent to the fraternal associations so freely developed with our brethren to the south, we question whether the time is not ripe for the Canadian Clubs of Canada, and other organizations with aims in sympathy with **Canadian National Development**, to organize, advertise and extend

### An All-British Organization,

or community of organizations, provincially and otherwise, which shall in no way interfere with the goodwill and good feeling engendered through the numerous United States affiliations with Canada, but will none the less put our own country and Empire first, and foster inter-Empire interests and affiliations.

### The Alternative?

Otherwise, if nothing is done, it may not be amiss to raise the question—if a loyal Britisher may raise it academically—Does Canada face annexation by the United States? If, as a Canadian correspondent whose communication we published some time ago, alleged, the result would at once be a largely increased prosperity to Canada, with immense development of Canadian resources by larger influx of capital and population from the United States, then this may become a pertinent reflection: If British Imperial ties are not maintained and strengthened by inter-Empire development, economically and otherwise, who shall say what may happen in the not distant days?

**Throughout the Empire  
Let Britons Awake,  
Think and Act Imperially!**

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