

people of this country are of Anglo-Saxon blood—much more so than they—whose population consists of a very large proportion of ignorant negroes, and, perhaps, a still larger proportion of foreigners gathered from the slums of Europe, and of the very worst description. How silly then, to suppose that Canada could be driven from any position she might assume by any such threats and attempts at intimidation as are being used against her. Those in whose veins flow the pure Anglo-Saxon blood are not of that character.

Some of the methods by which the mongrel-blood American nation expect to wreak a savage revenge upon Great Britain by wresting from her her brightest and most valued jewel—Canada—is thus explained by our contemporary :

The interest of this country, with respect to Canada, is, first of all, to keep Canada poor, and to prevent its growth in population. Second, to stimulate the sentiment of annexation so that the time may come when the Canadians will be eager to unite with us, and to give us control of both shores of the lakes, and of the St. Lawrence from Lake Ontario to the sea. No patriotic American can desire anything less than the complete removal of British authority from a part of this continent which nature has indicated should be within the dominion of the government of the United States. The Republican policy, for four years past, manifestly has tended strongly to the production of these results. The feeling for annexation has developed among the Canadians since the McKinley Bill went into operation more than in the forty years preceding that event. The growth of this sentiment may be estimated from the solitary fact that the Tory Government has thought it necessary to persecute, and to threaten with the penalties of treason, officials who have ventured to favor union with the United States. The McKinley Act worked to this end by denying to Canadians such access to our market as is essential to their commercial success, and by drawing away from Canada thousands of men who prefer the larger chances offered to them in this great country. Any change of these conditions must have the effect to place a check upon the annexation movement, to strengthen the Tories, and to open this large market to Canada without any sufficient compensation to us for our concession.

Our valiant neighbors think it would be an easy thing to annex Hawaii, or rather they hope so, for they are displaying some judicious hesitation in the matter ; and they would be quite precipitate in pouncing upon Canada if it were not for the knowledge that one of the immediate results would be the laying of the city of New York and other of their Atlantic coast cities under the guns of British ships which would not be withdrawn until ample reparation were made. This, perhaps, is the strongest reason our Yankee friends and neighbors have for not for pouncing upon Canada—for not having done it before now—as they would like to do to Hawaii. No doubt the jackal business would be carried on quite as vigorously towards Canada as they would like to carry it on towards Hawaii if it were not for a very wholesome respect for British long range guns. Bombastes Furioso would, doubtless, hesitate before doing so rash a thing as trying to annex the Sandwich Islands ; certainly they can never hope to force the Canadian people into a hatred union with them ; and only idiots could suppose that they could stop or materially retard our march towards national greatness, or to drive us from our attachment to the British flag. If the ties that bind us to Great Britain are ever sundered it will not be through any such instrumentality as the McKinley programme. It may

be “patriotic” on the part of our Yankee neighbors to desire the complete removal of British authority from Canada, but it would be equally patriotic on the part of Canadians to desire the removal of the Yankee flag from Maine or Michigan. Nature, to whom an appeal is made, has indicated one condition quite as strongly as the other. This appealing to nature is very much in the nature of the wolf justifying itself for devouring the lamb.

Stress is laid upon the fact that a feeling for annexation has developed in Canada since the McKinley tariff went into operation, and that because of this fact the Dominion Government have persecuted officials who have favored annexation. If the national honor and integrity are not to be upheld in Canada why should the United States have spent untold wealth and have poured out rivers of blood in putting down the Southern rebellion. Was Jeff Davis a traitor ? Should traitors be punished ? And still the *Manufacturer* approves of and encourages the Government and people of the United States to exert their energies, their influence and their authority to demoralize the country with whom they are at peace with the view to the acquisition of that country.

It is just such exhibitions of unfriendliness as these that make the suggestion of Yankee “statesmanship” to stink in the nostrils of decent, self-respecting Canadians. If President Cleveland is a man of no greater mental capacity than the pigmy Harrison, he is indeed a very small man. If Mr. Harrison is a fair representative of the American people, then that people are a nation of mental pigmies. If Mr. Cleveland is that sort of a man, and if the Harrison methods are to prevail under the new *regime*, the less Canada has to do with him and them the better.

GALL.

ONE of the most sublime exhibitions of gall and impudence that has occurred in Canada for a long while is shown in the following :

“The Toronto University has recently completed the erection of a fine gymnasium building, and are preparing to equip it. With this object in view, several months ago the University authorities invited certain manufacturers of gymnasium furnishings to inspect their building and plans and make estimates as to the cost of the necessary furnishings, this invitation being extended to both Canadian and American manufacturers. When the time arrived for the consideration of these tenders, a certain American concern wired the University authorities that an agent representing them was en route to Toronto with specimens of some of the goods manufactured by them, and requesting that the matter be held open until his arrival. This agent made his appearance in due time before the University authorities, and was so persuasive in his eloquence, that without ever considering the estimates which the agents of the other manufacturers were prepared to present, a bargain was forthwith struck, and an agreement entered into for this American concern to supply the furnishings for the gymnasium. It is very certain that no Canadian manufacturers were considered in the matter, nor was any investigation made into their ability to produce goods equal to the highest standard required for such institutions. The Yankee