

small trade, small everything; but that on the day we enter this federation, all these things will suddenly grow larger. That we shall no longer have to be ashamed of a small tariff, and a small debt, will be very soon made clear to us,—but it remains to be shown how the increase of our population will be more rapid, as a result of the federation, or that our ideas will be expanded by exchanging our present independent position for that of an outlying section of this proposed grand empire, in the management of whose affairs we shall have very little to say. But, it is argued, we ought to be ashamed to be only Nova Scotians, or, as a Canadian orator declared here in the Temperance Hall, to make ourselves ridiculous in the eyes of the world by hailing from such a place. This is certainly narrowing the question, when it is brought down to an affair of one's address in an hotel book! This is a British Province,—and to be born in a British Province is, in our opinion, the next best thing in the world to being born in the old country. It is devoutly to be hoped that we may continue in this position towards the parent state, and as long as this is the case, *our* nationality is the nationality of Great Britain, the sovereign of the United Kingdom is *our* sovereign, the honor of the British flag is *our* honor. Would this nationality be changed by the proposed federation? Would we be any the less British subjects? The distinction is without a difference, between saying one is a native of the British Province of Nova Scotia, or a native of the Province of Nova Scotia, one of the Federated British Provinces of North America. We have no status whatever among the nations of the world, except the status of British subjects, and it will be difficult,