

The United States Government will be represented on the Joint Conference by Mr. Evarts, the Secretary of State, one Senator, one member of the House of representatives, and two citizens selected by the President. We have yet to learn who will have the appointment as representatives of the Canadian Government.

We have the greatest confidence in the practical results of such a conference between representative men of the highest eminence in both countries. The absurdity of erecting a Chinese wall between two countries whose interests are so intimately connected together is glaring. How it could have stood so long in this enlightened age and on this progressive continent of America will be the wonder of future ages. The idea of preventing all commercial intercourse between Canada and 50,000,000 of prosperous Americans, conveniently located on three thousand miles of our borders, is something like madness; but when this policy is coupled with the determination to deviate our trade from its natural channels to seek British consumers of our goods, three thousand miles away across the Atlantic, then no possible excuse can be found for our folly.

At last we are coming to our senses, and it is none too soon, for we are well-nigh driven to bankruptcy, both public and private, under what has been rightly termed the Imperial Policy, which consists in building up the Empire at the expense of Canada. To make things even, we must now be allowed to reverse the proposition and to build up Canada at the expense of the Empire. No true Canadian should be found adverse to this last proposition.

**The N. Y. Herald favors Commercial Union with Canada.**—The New York *Herald* publishes the following letter from Mr. Wharton Barker, the well-known Philadelphia banker, and the Executive of the United States Industrial League, the most powerful political organization in the neighboring republic.