

Of the three persons concerned one was opposed to commercial union and in favour of political union ; another, Mr. Wiman, was opposed to political union and in favour of commercial union ; while Mr. Hitt's name has been connected with commercial union, a resolution in favour of which he had introduced in Congress, and with commercial union alone.

If there was anything treasonable in any of these documents, why were they not put into the hands of public justice ? Why were they used only on the stump or for an electioneering purpose ?

What confidence can be reposed in the statements of men who do not scruple to reward theft with an appointment in the public service, or to make use of private letters not honourably obtained ?

These stories of conspiracy are electioneering lies and nothing more. Mutual consultation there must of course be among the friends of a union on both sides, as there doubtless was among the friends of union between England and Scotland. But mutual consultation is not conspiracy. Conspiracy in our case there has never been nor will ever be.

The Continental Union Association binds itself strictly to constitutional methods. It expressly declares that it desires nothing to be done without the consent of the mother country. It seeks only to lay the case fairly before the people of Canada whose judgment it will then