

taking falls to the ground, leaving nothing but a road-building and land-selling speculation in a territory not conterminous with Canada, which may be very good for contractors and land speculators but is nothing to the Empire. So far from fostering the ends of the Anti-Continental policy, the Pacific Railway, or rather the connection formed by it, is likely to defeat them, since it will identify the Dominion with territories inextricably interlaced, geographically and commercially, with the United States. The Intercolonial, which was to form the eastern wing of the Anti-Continental system, is not likely ever to pay a cent on its capital, even if it pays its running expenses, which the best judges do not believe it will; while the highest military authorities pronounce it useless for its Imperial object. The people, whom it is the aim of the Anti-Continentalist to estrange and separate for ever from the United States, are streaming into the United States by thousands, driven from their homes by the commercial consequences of the Anti-Continental policy itself. The *St. John Sun*, confirming our account of the exodus from that district, adds, as the result of its own inquiry, that a battalion of militia lost 166 men out of 250 between the time of the visit of the Governor-General and the Princess and the late anniversary of the Queen's birthday, and had to call for 166 recruits to fill the places of the young men who had gone away, mainly to the United States. From Quebec, Nova Scotia, and Ontario itself, the exodus is alarming, and it appears that, even in the case of Ontario, the majority of the departures are for the United States. Were it not for this depletion, discontent would be likely to come to a formidable head. In commerce, in ownership of railways, in everything, the barrier between the nations is giving way. Canadian silver circulates across the line: American paper currency circulates in Canada; unless Sir L. Tilley takes care it will circulate better than that which he has based upon his debt. If things go on at this rate, before the works which, at an enormous cost, are to prevent fusion can be completed, fusion will have actually taken place.