

extent is at least a century ahead of our present population—probably two centuries. Two hundred years must pass before the increase of our population will feel the least pressure from any lack of room. Neither will our mineral deposits be fully opened, or our vast acreage plowed before then. We have all climates known to temperate zones, and all products in our control already. Our sea-coast is like that of a hemisphere, and all the river mouths of any importance to commerce, save one, are in our hands as things are now. We have enough, it is said; why seek more?

Then, too, Canada's debt is large, and stands for nothing adequate in the eyes of many among us. It is a large debt for 5,000,000 of people to carry with such an undeveloped country as they have to carry it with. We of the States do not love national debts. We shall soon have ours wiped out to the last dollar. Our taxes will be as a cipher, and her 5,000,000 heavily-taxed will be living side by side with 75,000,000 of untaxed people.

For these three reasons, lack of knowledge and appreciation of Canada's resources as a section of the Continent, a strong and growing sentiment against farther territorial extension, and a feeling that her national debt is bigger than her national assets, there is little feeling to-day in this country favorable to her annexation. That such a feeling would exist if the people knew all the facts of the case I do not doubt; but as it is, I beg my red-faced friends to understand that there is no danger of Canada being "swallowed" by the States. If she ever is admitted to the Union, she will be admitted only at her own