

TRADE

But why should trade lead to annexation? Everybody will acknowledge that Canadian Imperial feeling, and patriotic self-confidence in the Country and the Nation, has greatly increased in the last 15 years. But what has been our trade? Has it been all with the Mother Country? Have we not traded with the United States? Have we been sending all our export produce to the Mother Country, or to other Countries than the United States? No. Notwithstanding the high duties against our products going into the United States, notwithstanding the free entry of our products into the Motherland, we have all the time traded more with the United States than we did with the Motherland. For the last few years our miners have exported about eighty-five per cent. of their surplus products to the United States and only six per cent. to Great Britain.

Here is a condition of affairs which, if the argument of those opposed to Reciprocity has any foundation, ought to have lead to a strong feeling of annexation in the country. Are our Canadian miners disloyal, or annexationists, because they have sold \$33,350,000 worth of minerals to the United States and only \$6,726,015 to the Mother Country?

So much for the Exports.

Take again the Imports, we have imported for home consumption from the United States and Great Britain during the last five years the following:

	From Great Britain	From United States
1907.....	\$64,581 373	\$155,943,029
1908.....	94,959,471	210,652,825
1909.....	70,682,944	180,026,550
1910.....	95,350,300	223,501,809
1911.....	109,936,462	284,934,739
Totals	\$435,510,550	\$1,055,058,952