

It can to no one be matter of surprise, that untoward events of recent occurrence, threatening the peace and security of these Colonies, and endangering their connection with the Parent State, have greatly increased the desire previously felt among all classes of political parties in Great Britain, that we should be bound together by the strong ligature of a common constitution, based upon the principles of equal justice to all, and adapted to promote the progressive prosperity of each.

The projected plan of our Union which, it is plain, can not any longer be denied our practical consideration, it is freely acknowledged, is one of imposing magnitude, and obviously fraught with momentous issues, alike to ourselves and to posterity. Be it remembered, however, that it has not been entertained by the statesmen of England, and offered to our consideration and acceptance without profound and protracted investigation—without having been contemplated in all its aspects and scrutinized in all its bearings and connections, immediate and remote, by minds as enlightened and discriminating as any on earth—minds, moreover, above all suspicion as to the disinterested character of the motives by which they are actuated in desiring the association in one brotherhood of Canada and these maritime Provinces.

Now, apart altogether from the intrinsic merits of the question at issue, is there no significance in the singular fact that on this subject, which con-