

toward the fulfilment of the scheme of annexation. (Cheers.) I confess, and I only repeat the confession of all young men in the Dominion and Newfoundland, that I would sign with a vim a shipload of memorials about to go to England, praying for our peaceful cession to the United States. Corruptions have been concealed in Canada by the flimsy veil of aristocratic vanity which would have sent the perpetrators to the penitentiary in the United States. Representing a poor people, and a country largely wanting in modern improvements, the officers of the Government have assumed responsibilities and entered into contracts which are virtually criminal in the face of the resources or the possible resources of the Dominion."

Several other gentlemen spoke. Mr. Michael J. Daly of Newfoundland said he would be proud to see the American flag float over Cape Race and at the northern-most point of Labrador. Gentlemen from Prince Edward Island, Nova Scotia, St. John, New Brunswick; Montreal, Toronto, Halifax, Hamilton, and various other sections of British North America were present.

The members permanently elected yesterday afternoon were Mr. Colin Macintyre, Chairman; Mr. Robert Islington, of Toronto, First Assistant Chairman; Mr. George Vermyle of London, Ont., Second Assistant Chairman; Mr. William Henry E. Haughton of Montreal, Treasurer; Mr. Michael J. Daly of Newfoundland, Secretary. The society is to be known as the Annexation League.—*N. Y. Sun*.

The Opinion of the Press on Independence.—We detest any person or paper that howls for freedom of speech and of the press, and then jumps at the throat of the first man who dares to express an opinion or espouse a cause that does not agree with his or its manner of thinking. An individual will transfer his business to the district where he thinks it will thrive best; and we think it is the right and duty of a people,