

CANADIAN EMANCIPATION

AND

COMMERCIAL UNION WITH THE UNITED STATES.

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Proposed Conference between Canada and the U. S.—The all important question of a commercial union between Canada and the U. S. is being considered by both Governments, and an agreement has been arrived at between leading men of both countries that a conference should take place without delay, to determine on what basis, mutually acceptable, this union should take place.

The *Journal of Commerce* of Montreal has published the statement that Mr. Wharton Barker, whose letter we have inserted in our last issue, has made the following very important declaration: "that both Sir John A. McDonald and Hon. Alexander McKenzie had written to him, and led him to believe that the Dominion Government are ready to appoint, on their side, members of a joint commission."

Mr. Barker has not confined his negotiations to Canadian statesmen. After conferring with the Hon. John Welsh, the late Minister of the U. S. to Great Britain; with the President of the National Board of Trade, Mr. Feely; and with leading members of the Senate and the House of Representatives, he has put the matter before the Hon. Mr. Evarts, Secretary of State, and has discussed with him the mode of forming a committee of five to meet five representatives of Canada.