

The experience he never knew so many goods imported, or so good a market for them. A growing population spoke of a growing and prosperous country. In 1834 the Province had only 300,000 inhabitants, in 1848, 800,000 inhabitants. In 1839 only two schooners of 100 tons burthen ran from Port Stanley; but now one vessel alone was loaded there, with 16,000 bushels of wheat, large enough to cross the Atlantic, and two Steamboats regularly performing their trips to Montreal and Buffalo. Again, to look at the revenue for the quarter ending October 31st, 1848, and that for the same time of the present year:—

October 31st, 1848	£24,000
“ “ 1849	78,000
Increase	£54,000

Again in the face of this he would ask, was Canada depending on Montreal? Yes, it was Montreal. Again, the three quarters' receipts of Toronto for this year exceeded by £4,000 the total receipts of last, and by the time the navigation closes, it would exceed by £20,000 last year's revenue! Look at the increase of tonnage of Port Stanley—from 1831 to 1840 it averaged from 2 to 5,000 tons; in 1847 it was 76,000; and in 1848 it was 100,000! This was conclusive proof that we were not only advancing as fast as we could go, but we would stand for the British flag, and would say in the words of the poet,

"Land of my sires, what mortal hand
Can ever unloose the filial band?
That bids me to thy rugged strand
Put to the meeting, and carried unanimously—"

Resolved, "That a calm comparison of alleged advantages and disadvantages of the proposed scheme, shows that it is not desirable even on the grounds urged by its advocates."

It was then moved, seconded and carried. That a copy of the Resolutions be forwarded to the Civil Secretary at Montreal. The meeting then adjourned.

LETTER FROM HON. F. HINCKS ON RECIPIROITY.

A copy of the following letter from the Inspector-General to Cheyne Cray, Esq., an influential elector of Markham, on the subject of reciprocal Free Trade, has been shown to us (Globe). As it is a document of public interest we have obtained liberty to publish it:—

Toronto, 22nd Oct., 1849.

MY DEAR SIR, I feel assured that you will not require any apology at my hands for addressing you on a subject which, most unfortunately for the interests of our beloved country, has been lately agitated in some parts of the Province, but especially in the city of Montreal. I refer to the proposition that has been formally made to the people of Canada, to consider the expediency of seeing a change in their political condition. I believe that I am warranted in asserting that, setting aside those questions which our own Parliament has full power to settle, the single question of reciprocity among our people at this moment springs from the restrictions imposed by the United States on the admission of our staple products into their markets. I have had an opportunity since my return from England of conversing with persons acquainted with public opinion in various parts of Upper Canada, and all seemed to agree that the inconsiderate cry for Annexation would be at once stifled by the establishment of reciprocal Free Trade with the United States. I regret, however, to find a very prevalent opinion that the United States would never make the concession. This Annexation movement is of course not calculated to assist the efforts of those who are labouring with all their energies to remove the ground under the feet of the agricultural interests of this Province as suffering. It would be inexpedient as it would be improper for me, in a communication of the kind, to state what has been or is being done in this matter, but I feel it is my duty to state that it should be generally understood that the Imperial Government is thoroughly sensible of the importance of having the free admission of our products into the American markets; and it is not hesitating to attend to it as far as it can, not only with hope, but with confidence, to the speedy attainment of our object. The course taken by certain parties in Montreal is calculated to injure most severely the best interests of the Province. The demand for Annexation is founded on an entire misapprehension as to the state of public opinion in England. The generous sentiments expressed by English Statesmen to the effect that they had no desire of retaining the Colonies, and that the wishes of the inhabitants, have been construed into indifference as to the permanency of the connection, an indifference to which is most ascribed, not only by a numerous party in England, but also by the leading statesmen of the political parties into which the people of that great country are divided most favourable to the subsisting connection, but such men as Mr. Home, Sir William Molesworth, and Mr. Russell, will not waver, and they regret the existence of such a movement as that contemplated by certain parties at Montreal. It would indeed be mortifying to the friends of liberal government everywhere, should it turn out that the consent of the most ample powers of self-government to the most important Colony of the Empire should have the effect of not renouncing the bonds of affinity to the Mother Country, but of adding severing a link for ever. It is not to be forgotten that the first struggle between the Annexationists and the friends of British Connection will take place in your Kingdom. Having lately had an opportunity of ascertaining the views of leading Statesmen in England, both with regard to the annexation and to the question of reciprocal free trade with the United States, I have felt that at such a crisis I should be wanting in duty to my country were I to withhold them. It is moreover, due to the friends of the Advertiser, who have taken up the Province, whose generous support has placed us in our present responsible position, that no misunderstanding should exist as to our views. Those views have been sufficiently explained in Mr. Baldwin's letter to Mr. Perry. They are entertained by every member of the Advertiser, and will be carried out by us in office provided we are supported by those with whom we have hitherto acted. If on the other hand we should be deserted by those whose confidence has hitherto sustained us, we have a plain duty to perform to our Sovereign and our country, which is to sustain any

Administration favourable to British Connection, which can command a larger share of public confidence than ourselves.

I have the honor to be,
My dear Sir,
Your obedient servant,
F. HINCKS.

CHANCERY CROSBY, Esq.,
Markham.



CANADA AS SHE IS.

Tax first question which the Montreal Annexationists should have considered is—"Is peaceable separation from Britain practicable?" that is, will Great Britain quietly allow her North American Colonies to slide out of her possession into the embraces of the United States? We cannot perceive the honesty nor the wisdom of exciting the public mind with the glittering gew-gaw of "peaceable Annexation!" We are perfectly aware that the mass of the people in the present half-educated, half-thinking state of society, are easily excited upon any subject, and more especially when the subject promises to better their social condition, hence we see so difficultly in giving the Annexation Bill so as to render it quite palatable to thousands of the excitable; but, at the same time we are equally well aware that after meetings have been carried to its extreme limit—after meetings upon meetings have been held—and after columns upon columns have been written and printed—thousands of "Resolutions" have been unanimously carried, and after cart-loads of splendid speeches have been delivered amidst "immense cheering!" Yes, after the great public mind, numerically speaking, has been brought to the very verge of Annexation, there will be one other obstacle to conquer, and that is—the British Army!

Mr. Cobden in the House of Commons may deliver it as "a great fact," that the cost of retaining Canada is much greater than the profit. And some other Mr. may openly declare that it would be good policy to allow Canada to slip for herself, but neither of these Mr.'s can offer his opinion as the intention of the British Government; and hence such opinions and sentiments delivered by particular individuals in the House of Commons are entitled to no more weight in the discussion of the Annexation question than if they had been delivered in a Coffee House, or at a common tea party; and by being promulgated in Canada are only calculated to excite the anxiety and the confusion. The leaders of the Annexation movement are certainly aware that "peaceable Annexation" is a mere bubble—a flimsy box that may deceive and ultimately run a number of simple ignorant men, but cannot possibly be realised; and, therefore, it would be more manly and more honest to inform the people, at once, that if they wish a separation from Britain and a union with the United States, they must fight for it. There is, however, something peculiarly remarkable in the fact, that the first movers in these reasonable extravagances generally escape the vortex of destruction into which their more innocent, but unfortunate dupes are drawn—and we think it is the duty of every honest man and of every real friend of humanity, to use his whole influence in endeavouring to prevent his unsuspecting and unformed fellow countrymen from having either lot in this mad movement. It is true, that its insignificance and its absurdity ought to act as a sufficient preventive, but there are many ignorant well-meaning men in Canada who might be induced even by a very flimsy argument, to forfeit both their allegiance and their lives. Let it be firmly impressed upon the public mind that "peaceable Annexation" is a mere bubble, and that Annexation at the expense of beating the British Army would cost far more than it is really worth!

But even supposing that Britain was willing that she should quite with the neighboring States, and that the States were willing to have us—which are certainly the first two points of the Annexation question—will we have a decided objection to being annexed? There is far too much of the leading states principle in the same Annexation doctrine for us. We cannot brook the idea of acknowledging our inferiority to John Bull even with all his railroad goodliness. We are very far from desiring to undervalue the energy and enterprise of the Americans as a nation; on the contrary we will readily admit that they have taught an invaluable lesson to the older nations of the earth. They have done more for the attainment of real national greatness in seventy years, than any other country has done in three times that period, and they are still continuing daily to set examples of industry, perseverance and improvement that are worthy of imitation. But while we willingly acknowledge their enterprise, and accord to them all the credit which is justly due to them, we are at the same time unable to understand why this spirit of enterprise may not be emulated on this side of the boundary line, just as successfully under our present form of Government, as it could be by annexing ourselves to Republicanism. Enterprise and progress result more from a lively intellect, than from any peculiar form of Government, and we cannot admit that Republicanism has given the Americans a monopoly of mind. Britain, at this moment, can boast of more splendid intellects than any other country in the world, and yet Britain is less interested with Republicanism than any of the European nations. It cannot be denied that the national mind in every country is to some extent influenced by the nature of the Government, and the freedom of the national institutions; and for this reason we believe that Canada is now in circumstances to progress as rapidly as the United States. We have now obtained freedom of Government even to the fullest extent—we have a lighter taxation than even that imposed by Republicanism—we have neither Army nor Navy to support, our own civil Government is our only burden, and we can lighten at pleasure; we have a country teeming with resources of wealth and prosperity—we have facilities of transport and intercourse unequalled in the world, and to turn all these to the best advantage, we have good soil, energetic brains, as ever beat in the

veins of either Americans or any other people. The comparative stand-still condition of our country has not resulted from the fact that we were not united to the Republic, but from the fact that we have not emulated the Republicans in their enterprise and patriotism. We have looked on, whining and lamenting our own want of energy, and ridiculing and despising their activity. Let us now throw aside this silly, unproductive, self-conceit. Let us pluck up the courage of men, and instead of indulging the regularly practice of calling for somebody to come and help us, let us help ourselves—instead of crying for Annexation, let us at once feel and proudly proclaim that Canada is ours; and feeling this, we will speedily scorn the idea of eridging for assistance to render our country great, prosperous, and happy!

DISCOVERY.

To every believer in the progressive improvement of society, there is a kind of instinctive, indescribable satisfaction—a sort of mystical enjoyment in the word *Discovery*. It is, in all, not of hope, but of reality—it conveys the idea of another step in the ladder of progress, or, in fact, it is progress itself—the entire march of society is founded on discovery. We love to chronicle discoveries, and could almost be coaxed out of a night's sleep to give additional publicity to anything meriting the title of "Important Discovery!" There is a great deficiency of this source of secret enjoyment in Canada—our brains are too thick, or too cold, or too timidly to conduct us into the speculative regions of discovery, and it is only superior spirits, that like Angel's visits, at long intervals, throw a gleam of new light upon the Canadian mind, by finding out something. The scarcity of any commodity is generally taken as the measure of its value and upon this rule a discovery in Canada, is of far greater importance and more entitled to publicity, than if it had been made by the Yankees, whose whole life is one unbroken development of discoveries. It is gratifying, however, to perceive that Canada is improving in the science of discovery as most rapidly as she is in the cultivation of the soil—for instance, the Tories of Chatham in the Western District, have very recently discovered that the *British American League* has already done much good!! And we are informed that the enthusiasm with which this discovery was communicated to the Hon. Geo. Morritt, the great father of the League, was not greater than the astonishment with which the great father himself received it—in fact, it is said he literally gaped when he heard the announcement! This, then, is the beginning of a new era in the history of Canadian discovery. 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