

tions in the two countries ; by the interlacement of the territories and the absence of any natural boundary; and by the apparent advantages of a continental union which would give freedom of internal traffic, and immunity from war. Nothing can contend against the force of these attractions but nationality ; and to kill nationality with poisoned weapons, if fair weapons would not do it, has been the special aim of those who now charge commercial unionists with plotting Annexation. The two nations are being actually fused by the constant flow of Canadian migration into the United States; and what causes that migration but the commercial atrophy to which the policy of Imperialism, extended to economical questions, condemns this country ?

A manifesto in favour of Commercial Union, put forth in the *Penn Monthly*, which is the organ of a great commercial association in the United States, opens with these words—“ Canada is, of all countries, the one which might render America the greatest service—the service of creating a strong and vigorous nationality on our own frontier. Our own policy would be more prudent and sensible if we had such a neighbour close at hand. Rome dates her fall from the day when, at the instance of her great bankers and traders, she destroyed her only rival in arms and commerce, and reigned with no peer on the shores of the Mediterranean.” Without committing ourselves to the appositeness of the parallel, we may say that this paragraph does not threaten violent Annexation. In disclaiming any intention of taking even a peaceable initiative in that matter, the writer, we have not the slightest doubt, speaks the mind of the vast majority of his countrymen. He goes on to say that “ it is not the political but the commercial relations of the two countries which call for readjustment,” and to argue that the readjustment must take the form of a Customs union or Zollverein, not of partial reciprocity, such as was instituted by the defunct treaty. The principal argument urged against Reciprocity is that, while the fiscal relations of Canada with England and our general commercial policy remain what