

Canadian authority resident in this country, with great candor and frankness upon more than a score of occasions when addressing public meetings in Canada, told his countrymen that unless they could secure a treaty of reciprocity with the United States, political reunion was inevitable, and in giving his testimony before the Committee of the United Senate upon our "trade relations with Canada," stated that with a renewal of the reciprocity treaty of 1854, political reunion would take place when a sufficient number of Americans had emigrated to Canada to create a majority of the population of that country.

It cannot be possible that the present administration will be so disloyal to American interests as to renew a treaty, or adopt a fiscal policy, which will delay or endanger the final solution of a great continental problem, of the highest importance to our future development and security from serious foreign complications.

Had political reunion been consummated when proposed by the Continental Congress in 1774, the War of 1812 would probably have been avoided. Had it been accomplished in 1837, or 1849, we should almost certainly have escaped the Civil War of 1861, which cost us more than \$8,000,000,000 in money and one million lives. The slave power would not have appealed to the sword of the several provinces of Canada, had there been free and loyal states in the Union, and Great Britain had not had a foothold upon this continent. It was the expectation of England's support that precipitated the Rebellion. Is it not sound statesmanship to anticipate all possible complications that may arise, and take such action as will prevent them and so remove the danger? Therefore, would it not be disloyal to adopt a policy which will strengthen British power upon this continent?

The strongest active opposition in Canada to continental union will come from the political leaders now in power, and from those who hope to gain power at the next general election, the members of the Dominion and provincial civil service, all of whom are appointed for life, the judiciary included, the manufacturers and wholesale merchants who have an established and profitable trade, and the Canadian Pacific Railway Company, which has