

It may suit the Anti-Union leaders just now to keep out of sight the legitimate consequences of their policy, but it is nevertheless as clear as the sun at noon-day, that their success will be the isolation of this province from the rest of British America, and the rupture of its connection with the parent state. How can men be so blind as not to see the folly of the course they are pursuing? Nova Scotia cannot be permitted to remain separated from her sister colonies. A British American Union, without the Atlantic frontage that Nova Scotia gives it, must be a failure. Nova Scotia and Cape Breton are the very keys to the old province of Canada. The statesmen of Great Britain feel this, and are not prepared to jeopardize the future of these provinces because a few politicians have raised fallacious issues and deceived the people of this country.

Mr. Howe has on several public occasions shown us that the fortunes of Canada and Nova Scotia, are indissolubly bound up together;—that if Halifax or Quebec should fall, British America would be lost to a certainty. Mr. Wilkins recently, in the House of Assembly, also alluded to the great loss Great Britain would sustain if the United States should ever gain possession of this Maritime Colony. “Nova Scotia,” he said, “stands on the front of the American Continent, just as England does on that of Europe. She possesses great mineral wealth, the source of England’s greatness. Her coal and iron, with the energy of her people, have brought the mother country to her present high condition. We possess the same advantages—we too are almost an island. If Nova Scotia were lost to England, she might bid adieu to New Brunswick, to Prince Edward Island, and to Newfoundland. Let England transfer this little province to the United States, and she will, after a few years’ time, wake up to the loss she has sustained. If the people of the United States succeed in restoring the union, in healing the differences between the North and the South, and in concentrating their tremendous energies, she must become one of the greatest powers of the world. She is now a great naval power, but give her the harbour of Halifax,—which in her hands could be made just as impregnable as Gibraltar,—give her the coal, iron, and fisheries of Nova Scotia, and her power will be largely increased, and millions of people will pour into this country. The fisheries alone of these provinces would be to the United States a nursery for a million or a million and a half of seamen. How long would England then boast of her maritime supremacy?” Yet Mr. Wilkins would isolate Nova Scotia from the rest of British America, perpetuate sectional jealousies and rivalries between the provinces, and leave them to fall, one after the other, into the ranks of the American Republic.

Read the latest manifesto of the Anti-Union party in connection with the articles that constantly appear in their papers and the declarations recently made by Mr. Howe, and we will immediately see the