

States, when to give themselves as Canadian colonists would have put them at a discount. As to being "a pronounced annexationist," as Sir Francis is pleased to accuse us of, we are afraid we do not look upon that accusation with the distraction of mind with which he himself must have met his late trial. In fact, if we were an annexationist, we would find ourselves just now in very good, very numerous and very desirable company, notwithstanding Sir Francis's absence. But to be sincere, that is not our position. The emancipation of Canada from the numerous drawbacks of the Colonial system and commercial union with the United States, have our full sympathies and support, and we hope and believe to see them realized in the near future, for the best interests of Canada.

Canada must paddle its own canoe.—The relief to the present position is not abroad, it is at home. It is in the hands of our trusted public men, it is in the bold and manly stand of the people. As long as we have been a handful of colonists employed in the timber and fur trades, or in the production of cereals, we could be dealt with as of no account. But, since those far-gone days of Downing Street supremacy, we have grown to a mighty Confederation, with vast interests to protect, and with the power and will of protecting them ourselves, not by proxy. The crisis has arrived when Canada must paddle its own canoe, and let go the apron strings of the mother country. To the outside world we present very much the appearance of a full-grown, heavy-built, intelligent looking young man, well able to start in business on his own account, but sticking to his father's roof, much to the old man's disgust, although he does not like to mention it. The consequence will be that, instead of helping his son to settle down comfortably on a farm of his own, the old man, in a mood of impatience, will some day pick up a quarrel with his son, when they will separate on bad terms, never to meet again. Has it not been the sad experience of the United States and Great Britain?