

fame. There may be a celebrity that does not carry with it any weight of respectability. The Siamese Twins became celebrated—but it was for their unnatural connection; and should this Confederation be accomplished, we too shall have a chance of becoming celebrated, as being in our geographical position, a string of Siamese Twins. When the Union with New Brunswick was discussed here last session, I made a calculation of the proportionate size of the strips of land connecting us with New Brunswick—to the Provinces as compared with the proportion of the ligature connecting Chang and Eng to their whole size, and found that our ligature is very much proportionately less. In their case you have two men, perfect in all their formation, but by a freak of nature so bound together, that their powers of free action and usefulness are destroyed. In this case each province is a perfect geographical formation of itself, having its own centre of interest, its own heart within itself. If it were possible to take the Siamese Twins, and reform them, and make of the two one powerful man, with one heart; then unfettered and free he would be effective to discharge the duties of life. And just so if you

could remould these Colonies by a Confederation and bring them into compact shape, so that there should be one common centre of interest—one heart from which the life blood sustaining the whole should flow to the extremities and return; then would the Union commend itself to my mind, and I should wish it “God speed.” This is an impossibility, and therefore we should be content, as are brothers who are not “Siamese Twins,” each having and exercising his individuality; but all united by the bonds of family affection. Let us then be content to go on prospering as we have, and at the same time cultivating the ties of brotherhood with the other Colonies, and above all, let us not take a step that will tend to sever our connection with England. My strong desire is to see this connection continued, that through our lives we may glory in the grandeur and greatness of the British Empire, and leave behind us those who shall inherit the same feelings of loyal attachments to her Crown and Institutions, that the same sentiments may bind together the people of those colonies. Every heart beating in unison—even as one great heart—when waked by the strains of “Rule Britannia” and “God Save the Queen.”