

porary and enforced severance from American markets, and that farmers would obtain higher prices than formerly, his prophecy would have been greeted with scorn and derision, and yet for the whole season from the opening of Spring to the beginning of Winter, prices for butter and eggs have been better than for years.

The little island that is such a great market took all we could produce, paid us better prices than we used to obtain in the South, and the statistics of our export trade show an enormous increase in these two articles. It is true there is a decrease in the export of Canadian cheese, but that is not because we could not sell it, but from our own fault in not having made much of it. The effect of this great increase in export has been naturally an enormous decrease in stocks held at home, and to the shortness of stock we owe the good prices now ruling.

Perhaps the young men who are banding themselves into societies for spreading the annexation scheme are all professional men who want to talk business instead of following their professions. Possibly they just want to practise talking for want of other practice. It seems pretty certain that they have not tried to find out whether Canadian commerce is independent of the United States, and with the fear of the ignorant they are scheming how they may give Canada away, instead of exercising their brains on the problem, how she may govern herself.

And this leads me to the subject I discussed last week, viz., the legal profession. The "great unbriefed," who, in this city, are more numerous than violinists in Hades, are ever waiting an opportunity to demonstrate what they know about conducting the affairs of a nation. And they are not at all particular about the manner in which they accomplish this object. They would just as leave disseminate dangerous and treasonable doctrines as not, and yet I must speak of them as if they were moulded from a different clay than myself. I am told that I cannot "hire" them; I must "employ" them.

I am not of the opinion that more brain power is required for the practice of law than would secure success in

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