

few cents more for lambs and a dollar and a half more for a hog, that is what we want in this matter, and that, according to my honourable friend is what influences the people.

Mr. Speaker, I do not believe that is true with regard to the attitude of the majority of the farmers of Ontario. In fact, I know quite well that it is not true. I come from a constituency where probably, with the exception of some cheese factories and one or two flour mills, there is nothing in the shape of a manufactory. They are all farmers, and I have not the slightest doubt, Mr. Speaker, that these farmers will see this question as the great majority of the people see it.

We have argued that the effect of this bargain if carried out will be practically to separate our East from our West, and just as we have developed and linked together by the ties of commercial activity all the different sections of the Dominion of Canada, just as we are beginning as a people to understand each other and to understand and appreciate the little differences which exist between the different provinces, just as we are stepping out into the limelight of the noontide of our national triumph and glory to face whatever the future may have in store for us, just at that moment the tempter appears—the market at Buffalo, with two and a half cents more for lamb, and we are asked to turn aside and abandon our nationality. (Applause.)

ANNEXATION THE ABIDING AMERICAN DREAM.

Why, Sir, a gentleman who was in Washington when Mr. Champ Clark delivered his speech, tells me what I knew before, that there is not an American who talks upon the subject in Washington who denies that the whole, sole object of the American people at this time is to bring about, not forcibly, but to gradually lead the Canadian people up to annexation. (Laughter.) And it is all very well to laugh, but Mr. Champ Clark himself says, "You may take what I have said as a joke if you please, but I never said a word in my life that I meant more earnestly than that." Champ Clark said that on the floor of Congress. He will be the Speaker of the new House of Representatives in a couple of weeks, and as such he is the equivalent of the Prime Minister here. Now, honourable gentlemen will hardly believe what I am going to say, but it is a fact nevertheless. There is a publication in Washington controlled by Congress called the Congressional Record, which is similar to the Hansard at Ottawa, and in which is published the speeches delivered in Congress. This has noth-