

Introducing the Bill, Mr. McCall gave his idea of the weapon the agreement furnishes the United States to use against Canadian-British relations:—

"It is scarcely good form for us to regulate in advance, the internal fiscal policy of the British Empire. It will, however, always be within the power of Congress, if it shall appear that any undue advantage is hereafter given to Great Britain, to correct and change these rates, or repeal them all."

CUMMINS ALWAYS FOR ANNEXATION.

Senator Cummins of Iowa, the leader of the insurgent Republicans in the Senate and a probable candidate for the Presidential nomination next year, said:—

"I am for the annexation of Canada. I have always been, and if it were generally understood that Canadian annexation was the purpose of the pending pact, it doubtless would help the measure in becoming law here."

Senator McCumber of North Dakota, also:—

"Canadian annexation is the logical conclusion of reciprocity with Canada."

Mr. Prince of Illinois, in the House of Representatives, on April 28th, took strong ground, and was not interrupted:—

CERTAINLY, THE FIRST STEP.

"What is the history of the American people? We might as well be frank and honest. Americans went into Texas, Americanized it, and it was annexed as part of this great Union. Americans went into Hawaii, Americanized it, and annexed it. And if these bright young men that the President speaks of in his speech—these clever, active, virile, vigorous young men from the farms of Illinois and Northern States, the thousands and hundreds of thousands of them—go up into that Northland, 92 or 100 and more on this side, as against seven on the other, what do you think will be the effect of it?

"Have I not a right to say that is the first step toward annexation? Have they not a right to believe it? Why have they not? The present Speaker of this House, in the last session of Congress, said that he was in favor of taking Canada as a part of the United States. And this was the first step toward annexation. He is a plain, blunt, honest man, whom I admire for his frankness. He has never denied that statement.

"I say to my neighbors of the North: Be not deceived. When we go into a country and get control of it, we take it. It is our history and it is right that we should take it if we want it, and you might as well understand it. The Speaker has