

DO YOU WANT ANNEXATION  
—TO THE—  
UNITED STATES?

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HAMILTON, ONT.,

February 9, 1890.

MY DEAR SIR,

I was placed in receipt of your favor of the 29th ultimo in which you desire me to express my opinion upon "the annexation movement" in Canada.

I would say in reply that the so called "movement" has no existence in the minds of loyal British Canadians or outside of what is known as the "Grit" (called *par excellence* the "Reform") party and only among an insignificant faction of them, which faction is loyal only to their own side of party politics.

There are in Canada as in the United States two great political parties, these are subdivided upon minor questions; one is called the "Reform" or "Grit" party; the other is the Liberal Conservative party. The first named are out of power and office, the second is in office and power and likely to remain so, because they are the party who have carried the country through all its perils and successes in the past and have made it what it is, in point of prosperity, and manufacturing and commercial advancement, and in opening up its broad plains to traffic by railroads, utilizing its ports for steamships, and settling cultivators of the soil upon its vast wilderness. The other party call themselves "Reformers," without anything to reform except themselves and their own methods and usages, who would fain stop the progress of the country, or do anything to get the ruling party out, provided, that they themselves could