"SO NEAR AND YET SO FAR."

UNCLE SAM—"Canadians are complaining of hard times. Let us have free trade across the border, and—just observe what awaits your people, Sir John!"

SIR JOHN.—"Yes; it's very tempting, and if I were running the country for the people, I shouldn't hesitate. But perhaps you haven't noticed this encumbrance on my shoulders."

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