

native route, within British territory, to her vast Eastern possessions, and the expectations that have been raised in the minds of English capitalists as to the development of a great Eastern trade through English channels, as shown in the recent Pacific steamship subsidies, are all opposed to the assumption that England would for a moment consider favorably a proposition that her great colony of Canada should immediately become part and parcel of the United States.

In all this enumeration, difficulties in the way of the annexation of Canada to the United States which, for the moment seem insurmountable, present themselves. How many years must elapse before these difficulties will disappear so as to permit the election of a Parliament in Canada that will demand separation from the mother-country? How many years will elapse before Parliament puts an end to its own existence, and, filtering into a requisite number of State legislatures, merges itself into a Congressional delegation at Washington? The possibility of such a catastrophe to the Senate of Canada, who are all selected for life, and whose animating sentiment is loyalty to the British crown, it is impossible to contemplate with any expectation that its remnant would survive to tell the tale. Certainly not within the present generation does such a consummation as the extinction of Parliament seem possible to the average Canadian, who is familiar with the feeling of loyalty to the British crown on the one hand, and, on the other, the political cowardice and mock sentimentality that exist throughout Canada, which, even in the presence of a marked change favor-