

One thing should be thoroughly understood, and that is that, whatsoever we may think of either independence or annexation, no man shall be gagged because he thinks differently in regard to either the one or the other. Every man must be allowed to hold his own opinion, whether it be in favor of independence, annexation, or the maintenance of British connection. *Toronto Telegram.*

A Continental Union.—It must be admitted, that the smallness of the population of Canada and of her home markets, the exclusively northern character of her productions in contrast with the almost unlimited variety of those of the U. S., and the immense extent and expensiveness of her customs line, render her an unfavorable subject for a separate experiment. Moreover, her system will be incomplete and ineffective if it does not protect her against the Transatlantic competition.

A commercial union with the continent, of which geographically Canada is a part, and with which she is connected by identity of race, would afford her large and unrestricted markets, free participation in the coasting trade, with other commercial advantages too numerous to specify; and, at the same time, give her the needful protection against that European competition, from which her rising industries have most to fear; it would, in fact, afford to her what the U. S. already enjoy, all the practical advantages of both Free Trade and Protection.

Obviously, no policy of tariff legislation hostile to the United States can long be sustained in Canada, since her chief markets for barley, lumber, fish and other products, as well as her indispensable access to the sea across our territory, can be cut off at pleasure, whenever her tariff policy shall have become sufficiently annoying to provoke retaliatory legislation from our government.

When she shall ask for commercial union and equality, under our tariff system, it will doubtless be