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THE breast of the American politician is probably united to that of the Canadian politician by a sympathetic chord which enables him to divine that the Canadian politician is sure to be always ready with a loyalty manifesto as he is himself always ready with a manifesto in favour of downtrodden Ireland or the Grand Army, and that the significance of the act in both cases is the same. It is not likely therefore that the effect of Mr. Mulock's Resolution on the minds of American politicians will be serious, or that either Mr. Hill or Mr. Butterworth will deem it necessary to alter his course in Congress in regard to Commercial Union. But on the mind of the American people the effect of an anti-continental Resolution passed with apparent unanimity by the Canadian Parliament can hardly fail to be bad, and it would be idle to deny that in this way the action of Mr. Mulock and his party may have done serious damage to the cause of improved trade relations. The consequences to their own position cannot be doubtful. This is the second occasion on which they have taken counsel with their enemies against their friends. The spirit miscalled loyalty to which they have appealed is that of hostility to closer relations of any kind with this continent, commercial as well as political, and it has answered their call with a vengeance. No wonder the Tory press is jubilant. No wonder Sir John Macdonald was ready to lend his helping hand in the concoction of the Resolution and to prune it of anything which might have made the gorge of some honest Liberal