

to them. Certainly we are all loyal, I say once more; but those voices I recognize as those of some of my friends who are determined protectionists. [Yes, we must have protection for our manufactures.] Just so, and your votes are always cast against any candidate whom you suspect of favoring freedom of trade. You are always ready to tax English goods. [We must protect our manufactures.] Just so, I say again, your loyalty to England does not prevent you from taking care of number one, in the first place. And this patent fact gives point to the worst taunts of the statesmen and public writers in the mother country. It is said that we hang on England, as a child hangs on the mother, for the sake of what we can get from her. They have called it lip loyalty, before long they will call it lollipop loyalty, and next—[clamor of voices,—we don't want to be annexed.] Gentlemen, friends, I did not say a word about being *annexed*, I only said *and next*,—here let me tell you another story: Last month, it is said, that a plump, well-to-do looking gentleman was observed in the building of the Great Exhibition in London, taking lengthened and careful observations with a telescope, pointed to one of the annexes. It was soon discovered that he was a loyal Canadian who would not enter the annexe of the building. He did not like the name, he said, and would not compromise his loyalty by going into such a place. This gentleman, I think, was over scrupulous. I agree with you, gentlemen, we do not want annexation. The whole position of affairs with respect to the United States, the mother country, and ourselves, forbids it. The change which we should prepare for, is that of an independent national position.

I see that you look thoughtful as I say this. And you ought to look thoughtful, for nationality, like manhood, involves great responsibilities. But consider, if we have not self reliance, we cannot have self respect, and if we have not self respect, we are nothing,—we invite taunts and contempt from all the world. With our present growth and promise we have no right to hang on to the mother country an hour longer than the connexion is a mutually acknowledged advantage. If

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