

able terms we shall be making over our country to a "foreign power." It is truly surprising that men of sense should talk in that strain. Did Scotland when she entered into a union with England transfer her country? Does an American State which enters the Union transfer its territory? Does a trader on entering into partnership transfer his estate? We should keep everything we have, only with a value enhanced by the union. The "nationality" which it is said we should forfeit is now not ours. We are at present not a nation but a dependency without a recognized place among the nations, without the power of negotiating with other countries except by sufferance, without the power even of amending our constitution, which has been enacted for us by the Parliament of Great Britain. Nor is there much hope of our ever becoming a united nation with the French province in the midst of us. To think that we shall acquire national spirit by remaining a dependency is as idle as it is to imagine that under the present system we shall grow strong enough to be a match for the United States. Let us enter the Union, and Ontario will be a member, and no mean member, of that which will soon be the greatest nation that ever existed in the world.

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