

There is no argument in Canada in favor of annexation except the material argument, and if the material argument is removed by reciprocity annexation is indefinitely postponed.

"Now, to my mind the postponement of reciprocity with Canada is the most fatal mistake the United States can make, because, strange as it may appear, it does not advance the cause of annexation in the slightest degree. On the contrary, any tendency on the part of the United States to inaugurate a policy of force, pressure, or even indifference, is just as sure to result in the continued isolation of the two people as that the sun will rise to-morrow. The people of Canada are the most independent and self-reliant in the world. They sprung from a stock of British origin of which the Cromwellian period is an illustration. They are largely the direct descendants of the United Empire Loyalists that voluntarily left the United States, and all the glories that followed a free government, for monarchy in the backwoods of Canada, and sacrificing their firesides, their fortunes and their future, relinquished the best prospects under the sun for the sake of principle. It may have been an unjustifiable sacrifice. At this late date one may wonder, and some even smile, at this rugged determination to resist rebellion, to stand by the king, and be loyal to one's convictions; but the fact, nevertheless, remains that the descendants of the men who could make such sacrifices still control the destinies of half the continent! The fact equally remains, that all the present retaliation and abnegation possible by the United States will not force this people into a political union, which nine-tenths of them have been educated to believe would be in the highest degree discreditable. Disloyalty to Great Britain, who has treated them with the greatest liberality and under whom they have the greatest liberty, is utterly unjustifiable, and to most Canadians would seem to be a crime of unpardonable character. Mr. Glen, like all other Americans, has never yet clearly apprehended the atmosphere which pervades the average Canadian home, and