

ada and those of our own country. The people of Canada have ever been friends with us, and as the years go by that friendship will become stronger, until it produces, first, alliance, and then possibly union."

Destruction of the Imperial ideal is foretold by the St. Paul "Pioneer Press":—

"The dream of a federated British Colonial Empire closed against us by preferential duties and trade agreements is vanished forever if this reciprocity agreement is consummated."

### **BRITISH IMPERIALISM WILL WANE.**

And St. Paul business men, writing to Senator Clapp of Minnesota, have a similar belief:—

"Time is of paramount importance. England favors an Imperial federation, as opposed to Canadian reciprocity, and if Imperial federation is accomplished we believe the opportunity of Canadian reciprocity will be forever lost."

The "New York American" looks for cutting loose from European politics:—

"In ratifying this trade agreement, we should understand, therefore, that we are settling a world problem, and settling it right. British Imperialism will wane in consequence. But American trade routes will run along lines that were ordained by nature. And the prosperity of the Western Continent will receive an immense impetus through a definite, a final disentanglement from the intrigues of European politics."

The United States and Canada are stupidly separated, according to the "Detroit Free Press":—

### **SUBSTANTIALLY ONE PEOPLE.**

"The principal merit of the agreement is political and social. It will, it is hoped—and confidently hoped—be the beginning of the end of the stupid separation of two halves of a continent which is inhabited by substantially one people."

How glad people in the United States are at what they regard as Canada's willingness to weaken British connection, is shown by the "Minneapolis Journal":—

"If the proposed Canadian reciprocity agreement failed to be appreciated by our own Senators, its meaning and consequences are fully recognized in England, and from that recognition Americans may draw some hint of the vast importance of the Taft policy, which spells not only North American commercial union, but also the doom of British Imperialistic commercial unity.

"Too late, provided Congress acts, the British are awakening to the value of the prize they so fatuously rejected. Too