

further advantage to conciliate the Irish vote, by ordering Lord Sackville ignominiously to quit his Ambassadorial position? Where is there to be found in all the British Dominions, a statesman who would stoop so low as that? There is no such statesman in Canada, unless he is a clear Grit, who yearns for annexation to the United States, because he is in the cold shades of opposition to the Government.

Again do you suppose that there is any strong feeling towards annexation with a country where the right of trial by jury is invaded, or travestied or degraded? we enjoy too well the freedom from oppression and cruelty which that Institution amongst us insures, to wish to change it for your methods of avenging the commission of crime. Did you ever hear of a man in Canada who was a lunatic or an irresponsible crank being taken out of goal and hanged by the neck until he was dead, as was Guiteau? or, of a woman being put to death as was Mrs. Surratt, without the sanction of a legal sentence by a constitutional tribunal? all done to gratify the sensational cravings of the sovereign people? Do you suppose that these things could take place anywhere under the British Crown? and especially in Canada? or that lynch-law, as it is called, could be put in force without the law taking hold of, and dealing with the perpetrators of such crime as murderers. How many barbarous atrocities of that kind do you read of taking place in the course of a year in the United States? I read of scores of them being perpetrated in your country. The peculiarity attending them is, that no one is punished for taking the law into their own hands by a mob, and putting supposed criminals to death without the intervention of a legal tribunal. That assassinations take place, because every man and woman, may carry a weapon as he or she lists, wherewith to slay a neighbor, for any offence however trivial, and because the people represented by a mob may do anything with impunity, is something we cannot join in approving. The rule is for all such, in your country, and under your democracy, to go unpunished and unwhipped of justice, in fact, every mob and everyone may, and do, set the law at defiance, and act as whim or passion dictates in the United States. Do you imagine that there would be any advantage accruing to us, to be annexed to a country where Judges are elected? and Legislators and Judges and Juries are notoriously corrupted by bribes? and in which there are more murders committed for the lesser population, than there are in any of the countries of Europe with their larger populations? Statistics of course tell us that there are more murders committed in one year in the city of New York alone, than there are in the whole of Great Britain, including the city of London.