

and have a voice in its decision, rather than a *fractional* band of visionary and speculative politicians, selected from the different Provinces, to say nothing as to selfish pecuniary views or desires, or the promptings of *vanity* or *ambition*. Even the arbitrary and unjust Bismark has, it appears, expressed a willingness to allow the people of North Holstein to declare by a majority of votes whether they will be united to Denmark or Prussia.

With regard to any argument for Union, in relation to commercial intercourse by Nova Scotia, with Canada, the sufficient answer is, that almost the only article which the former requires from the latter is flour; and this is now obtained as freely and conveniently, and also as cheaply, as it would be under Union, or even cheaper, as general taxation would then be higher. The greater part of the flour and articles of bread kind, imported into Nova Scotia, are now obtained and would continue to be procured from the United States.

As to any embarrassments or inconvenience, regarding differences of duties on imports and exports between the Provinces, or concerning differences in currency, these and other minor matters could readily be adjusted and rendered uniform, or equitable and convenient to all, by enactments in the respective legislatures of the Provinces, as well without as under Union.

As regards the proposed inter-colonial railway, by each Province through which it would pass contributing its proportionate and fair share of the expense, the work may as well be accomplished *now*, as if they were united. The arrangement for the purpose made a few years ago, between the Provinces concerned, and considered to be completed, was suddenly terminated by the Canadian rulers abruptly withdrawing from their stipulations. Nova Scotia has already completed a considerable part of her portion of the work, and is at all times ready to fulfil the whole, on Canada agreeing to accomplish her proportion. New Brunswick also has now a line, which would probably be a portion of her division. It seems rather suspicious and strange, that the Canadian Government has so persistently failed to perform its part on the subject, considering its professions of desire for the accomplishment of the work; and also that, manifestly, it would be more for the benefit of Canada than of the other Provinces.

A few general facts and reasons may now be given concerning *Imperial interests*, in relation to the proposed Union. From public dispatches and other sources of information, it seems certain, that the chief reason which may influence the Home Government