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I think it was in 1887, at the time of the Queen's Jubilee, that Senator Sherman was rash enough to prophecy that in ten years Canada would be represented either at Westminster or Washington. It is still possible, however, that the Dominion may express itself before the close of 1897 in favour of representation (with its necessary adjuncts) in Congress or the Imperial Parliament. Senator Gallinger's unconventional, though not impolite, invitation to Canada, may possibly suggest to some British member of Parliament to introduce a somewhat similar resolution, offering full partnership in the Empire to Canada and the other great Colonies. Some such offer is likely to be made if Home Rule should ever be given to Ireland, Scotland, and England. \* \* The Parliament at Westminster being then a purely Imperial Legislature, and being relieved of most of its present business, would be better prepared to receive colonial representatives. And the autonomous realms of Ireland and Scotland being represented in the Imperial Parliament, and contributing to the Imperial establishments, would bring into bolder relief the fact that other realms of the Empire, equally great and equally autonomous, were not so represented and did not so contribute. Justice, manliness, security and education demand that Canada should soon cease to be a subordinate and become either a co-ordinate or an independent state; and I should, therefore, like to see her deciding, earnestly but peacefully, between the rival invitations of her mother and her cousins, whether these invitations be formally or informally made, or whether they be expressed or merely understood.

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tism of Great Britain should hesitate to give us full representation at Westminster. I will fight in the ranks of Sir Charles against that insular pride and conservatism.

But if Sir Charles is only going to strain our relations with the mother country by trying to dictate a selfish policy which free-trade Britain must refuse, unless she sacrifices her principles to her affection; if he proposes an unattainable arrangement, to rally his divided followers and win the votes of unreflecting loyalists; if he asks Canada to apply *in forma pauperis*, for admission to a mongrel federation; if he is merely mouthing phrases about the unity of our grand Empire while ready to stab, as heretofore, sincerer patriots who dissent from his stingy and parasitic imperialism; then all true loyalists should stand by the party whose British policy invites and encourages British trade."