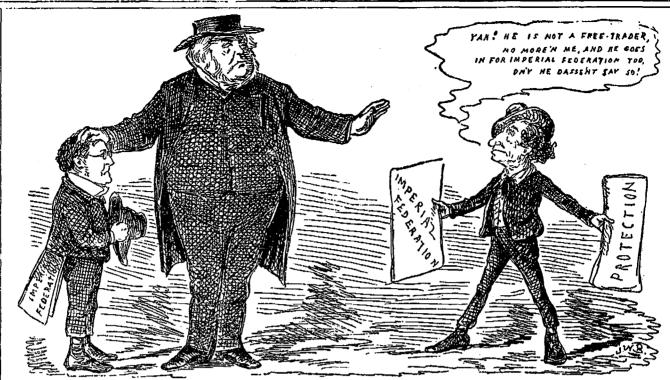
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WRITER in Chambers' Journal remarks : "Unfortunately only two or three scraps of Shakespeare's hand-writing have descended to posterity, etc." Unfortunately! no, sir, no; fortunately, if you please; that is if the usual hand-writing of the divine William was anything like his authenticated signature. I grant that the immortal swan of Avon was an average good poet, and a fairly intelligent man, but his hund-writing looks much better in print.

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sweetly nice than a soft, white neck, it is a white, soft neck. But talking in this strain leads me away from the main subject under discussion—so far away, indeed, that I cannot in this chapter return to it with any degree of calmness or deliberation. I would prefer to linger on the soft, white neck-metaphorically sp aking.

No wonder those Britishers over the pond fancy that Canada is a land of perpetual frost, when they read about ice-castles and so forth, though that does not do so much to convince them that it is as the absurdly insane custom so much in vogue of people who get their photographs taken for the delectation of their up in a ton, more or less, of furs sprinkled with flour or salt to represent the "once I was pure as." Even on a broiling day in Angust pure as." Even on a broiling day in August the man who desires to send his carte to the old country, rigs himself as described. Is it strange, then, that Britishers imagine that we strange, then, that britishers imagine that we plod about, from year's end to year's end, on snowshoes, muffled up on Dominion Day in a buffalo overcoat and taking a hand in a cheerful snow-ball contest on midsummer day? The idea which most English people have of Canada, i. c. that the thermometer seldom marks much higher than 25° below zero, is about as erroneous as that entertained by Canadians concerning England, that is that the sun is only visible about once in three months,

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