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THE policy of Imperial Federation, or consolidation, involves necessarily very different considerations to the people of one part of the Empire, to what it does to those of another. To us in Canada it seems an almost universal opinion that this policy presents itself as the only practicable alternative to that of continental union, or, as it is perhaps somewhat unfairly called, annexation to the United States. This being the case, I trust that the subject of this paper will not be considered foreign to the proceedings of a Canadian branch of the league. Nothing can be more certain than that, should the policy of continental union prevail, Canadians must come under the national