

In our last issue we discussed at some length the expediency of prompt action being taken by those in authority toward removing all obstacles to the entrance of Newfoundland into the Canadian confederation. We are pleased to find that the views we gave expression to upon this subject have met with the appreciation of several of our subscribers whose judgment we value highly. One of them has been good enough to send us the following extract from a report of the United States Consul at St. Johns which illustrates to a startling degree the attempts that are at present being made by our cousins across the border to "Americanize" the island colony: "American capitalists are among the foremost in developing the wealth of Newfoundland. Of such interests I may mention the York Harbor Copper Mine, the Benoit Chrome Mine, the Valley Island and the Bay Vert Pyrites Mines. The York Harbor deposits are the richest copper beds in the world, and the present owners are spending \$250,000 in their development. In the lumber industry the company, headed by Mr. H. M. Whitney, of Boston, has acquired several large properties in the colony and is operating them on a hitherto unequalled scale. Mr. George J. Barker, of Boston, has also acquired a large grant and is developing it extensively. An American syndicate is now negotiating for forest tracts on the west coast for charcoal manufacture as well as for ordinary lumbering. There is room for the sale of large quantities of American machinery for lumbering and pulp making. Harmsworth, the great London publisher, has secured a large forest area and is arranging for the establishment of a pulp and paper making plant to cost \$2,500,000. The United States practically controls the trade in agricultural machinery, but now, when American capitalists are interesting themselves to such a large extent in the development of the industries of Newfoundland, is a good time for an aggressive campaign by American manufacturers for the general enlargement of their trade in the colony." The lesson for Canadians in the above extract is *res ipsa loquitur*—we shall not waste time in demonstrating the obvious. The project of rounding out Canada by the inclusion of Newfoundland within its boundaries was made the subject of a resolution moved by Lieut.-Colonel Ponton (seconded by Hon. Wm. Ross) and adopted unanimously by the Congress of Chambers of Commerce of the Empire held at Montreal in August last. This endorsement of the project by representatives from all parts of the empire emphasizes it as a matter of great imperial concern.