

people outside of Nova Scotia, this agitation seems to have a significance which is not really its due. Consequently British capitalists are afraid to invest money here, in a country whose future political and commercial position seems to them a doubtful one, and this at a time too when, were it not for this cause, British capital would be diverted to this country to an unprecedented extent. The people of the United States are living under the infatuation that Nova Scotia is eager to become annexed to those States, and is determinedly working towards that end; and in this delusion on their part exists the greatest obstacle to the improvement of commercial relations between the two countries. Why need they negotiate reciprocity treaties with a country of which they believe, and of which some very silly people have been striving to make them believe, they may shortly become the out-and-out owners? Between Nova Scotia and the other Provinces of the Dominion itself, there has not been that extent of cordial, social and commercial inter-communication that we should have seen had it not been for this cause of obstruction, and which would have added so much to the prosperity of them all. All this because it pleases some people to keep up an outcry for Repeal of the Union.

And what present, or prospective, benefit have we on the other side of the account? Nothing—absolutely nothing—nay, worse than nothing. Then why, as rational, intelligent men, —why suffer this state of affairs to continue, growing, as it must grow, worse and worse? Why wilfully keep ourselves any longer in a painful fever, only to destroy ourselves; for, remember, Nova Scotians, it is we, and we almost alone, who are the sufferers. Let us have done with all that, and be at peace, so that we may enjoy prosperity.

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