

"Despised Colonist: Species of Political Outcast."

the *Minneapolis Journal*, is now the "Washington phrase," to express the views of the foreign diplomats as to the manifest destiny of the United States:—

But the Dominion may be and is being Americanized, though it is not being annexed. The English provinces are assimilating themselves to the Republic. The tone of the press and the tendency of public thought and action is American rather than European.

The native Canadian is by birth an American, but that name and all the modern history of his continent, and an intense nationality and national pride belong to the people of the great republic to the south of him, with whom he may unite politically without reproach. He feels that he is alienated from the tendencies and aspirations of the continent of his birth; that he is merely a despised colonist, a species of political outcast, like the man without a country, or a citizen of the District of Columbia.

In time the thoughts of the Canadians may turn towards annexation as the most-to-be-desired of all political boons. The isolation and humiliation of the colonial position will not be forever endured. Meanwhile full reciprocity in exchange of citizens and products and steady Americanization.

Why Take the Risk?

The Canadian people are invited to accept gratefully this kind of thing because commercial advantages are said to attend it.

We have said enough to convince reasonable men who place country before party, and who are not willing to allow considerations of personal gain to govern when Canadian interests are in jeopardy, that by this reciprocity agreement Canadian Nationality and British Connection and Canadian Autonomy and Fiscal Independence are in jeopardy; and again we ask: "Why take the risk?"

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ARTHUR HAWKES, *Secretary*.

Z. A. LASH, *Chairman*.

A POSTSCRIPT FROM PRESIDENT TAFT.

Just as this pamphlet was going to press, President Taft made a speech in New York, in which he plainly indicated the intention of the United States to prevent, by this agreement, all possibility of the commercial union of Canada with the Empire:—

I have said that this was a critical time in the solution of the question of reciprocity. It is critical because unless it is now decided favorably to reciprocity, it is exceedingly probable that no such opportunity will ever again come to the United States. The forces which are at work in England and in Canada to separate her by a Chinese wall from the United States, and to make her part of an imperial commercial band reaching from England around the world to England again by a system of preferential tariffs, will derive an impetus from the rejection of this treaty, and if we would have reciprocity, with all the advantages that I have described, and that I earnestly and sincerely believe will follow its adoption, we must take it now, or give it up forever.

In the same speech Mr. Taft disclaimed any desire on the part of the United States for the annexation of Canada. He cannot speak for the United States on this subject—but assuming that he is right with regard to annexation, he certainly is right with regard to Canada's future with the Empire if reciprocity takes effect, and again we ask: "Why take the risk?"