

a conflict should arise between the States and Canada, would sweep over the country from one end to the other as he did over the South, and with much less opposition? No; but for no other earthly purpose that can be truthfully stated than to bring the country under military rule, to establish Jingoism, get up a titled aristocracy, support non-producing politicians, court toadies and loafing drones at the expense of the country's toilers. Can any other rational inference be drawn from our whole military proceedings?

I have now given some of the measures by which Canadian interests would be advanced by annexation. But the *Globe* demolishes them all with the knock-down argument that "we should be cut up into all manner of States and Territories and put under the dominion of the United States' laws." Monstrous! who could stand such outrages? Would it not be utter ruin to us to be cut up into so many States, each of which would give us as much control in their Senate as is possessed by the State of New York, with a population equal to that of the whole Dominion? No doubt they keep the shears sharpened for Texas and California in good order, till Canada is annexed, so as to make a national cutting up bee of them all together.

But Mr. Norris the independence advocate before referred to, says "England would never permit annexation unless forced on her by a long and disastrous war;" but she would burden her people with the cost of protecting us after cutting loose from her, shutting her out of our markets, and flinging the United States tariff in her face. Very likely. What interests would England have in Canada, if independent, more than in the United States, to induce her to engage in a long and disastrous war with fifty millions of people, the most of them of her own blood, to prevent annexation? why, of the two States, Independence and Annexation, if left to choose, she would hold up both hands for Annexation, a consummation that is looked for by her statesmen, publicists, and all in England who give any thought to the subject; and it may now be set down as indisputable that under no circumstances, whether Colonial, Imperial Federation, Independence or Annexation, would the people of England suffer their Government to go to war with the United States on any question of ours. That day is past. They begin to see that she committed a great blunder in not handing over Canada to the United States at the close of the Revolution. She would have saved untold millions of money had she done so. She would have had no war with them in 1814, with the barbarism of burning down their capital, the slaughter of her Army at New Orleans and her rule on the oceans disputed. There would have been no underground railway to run off Southern negroes into Canada, which was the chief cause of bringing on the war between the North and South, and throwing three hundred thousand of England's workers in cotton out of employment, during that war. She would have retained the American market for her manufactures, as there would have been no necessity of increasing the duties on importations as they were compelled to do, to meet their war obligations; and she would not now be met with American competition in her manufactures abroad, as she is doing, even to the driving her out of the Chinese market, as complained of by her own Consul in that quarter. She would not have had fifteen millions of dollars to pay for the Alabama depredations, and above all, she would have had the friendship and perhaps the direct support of the American people in all her foreign undertakings. No, Mr Norris, no war is to be apprehended between England and the United States, no matter what change we may make, or are forced into in our political relations.

"But will we not be the first nation on the continent, thirteen or fourteen States occupying what is now an unbroken solitude?" So asks the same gentleman, and "will we not have a Dominion more extensive than half a dozen European kingdoms,—a Dominion whose illimitable dimensions alike confound the arithmetic of the surveyor and the verification of the explorer? Are we not the owners of half a continent, and, in the magnitude of our possessions, in the wealth of our resources, and the sinews of material might, the peer of any other power on earth?" So discoursed the Earl of Dufferin to the Manitobans in an after-dinner speech. But did these rhapsodists make any forecast of the sort of people who are to occupy these "illimitable dimensions"? I fancy not. Let me tell them—by business men and traders whom our ruinous policy has made bankrupts—by farmers staggering under a load of taxation, and shut out from their natural market (the United States)—by Englishmen forced to expatriate themselves, and the most un-English of any—by Irishmen, the pupils of O'Connell and the followers of the lesser agitator Parnell, all bursting with hatred to England and all connected with her—a few Scotchmen to fill the offices, and a heterogenous mass of foreigners of all nationalities, with a sprinkling of ever-moving Yankees to leaven the lump—nearly all forced from their native countries to better their condition, and find the means of living, no matter where. Talk to such men about loyalty to the Throne, and if they understand your language they will be likely to ask you what the Throne did for them—they will tell you they intend to confine their loyalty to themselves and those depending on them for the future, and when they see their fellow countrymen, on the other side of an imaginary boundary line, exempt from the taxation which presses on themselves so heavily—and flourishing under republican institutions—how long will it be before they bid allegiance to Colonial dependence or Canadian nationality

good by? They will, of course, wait till the Government has expended all the money it is able to borrow in building Pacific and Colonization Railways for them, and they are furnished with an outlet for their grain and cattle by the Hudson's Bay, which will make them independent of the Eastern Provinces, and enable them to give the go-by to Ontario and Quebec. By that time they may consider themselves strong enough to take the shaping of their destinies into their own hands, which they are sure to do sooner or later, and he is but a shallow reasoner who calculates on any other result.

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ELECTION NOTES.

Amongst the squibs and *jeux d'esprit* arising out of the General Election in England we note the following:—

THEATRE ROYAL, WESTMINSTER.

Sole and Responsible Proprietor, Mr. JOHN BULL.

Mr. Bull has the Honour to announce to the Nobility and Gentry of Europe, Asia, Africa, and America, that

TOTALLY REGARDLESS OF CONSEQUENCES,

He has engaged an entirely

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And he will shortly re-open the above popular Place of Amusement with an original Farce, full of absurd situations and unexpected effects, entitled

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PEACE! RETRENCHMENT!!! AND REFORM!!!

In consequence of the great predominance of Stars in this unrivalled combination, it is not possible to announce the full cast (many of the principal parts having to be scrambled for), but the part of the

PRIME MINISTER

Will be undertaken on alternate Evenings by

LORD DERBY, LORD HARTINGTON, and Mr. W. F. GLADSTONE.

The FOREIGN SECRETARY (on this occasion only),

Mr. JOHN BRIGHT,

Mr. PARNELL has kindly intimated his readiness to look after the FINANCIAL DEPARTMENT.

Much to the surprise of everybody, Mr. Bull has succeeded in engaging the valuable services of

Mr. BRADLAUGH,

Who will deliver his celebrated argument to prove that to be a Tory is almost as wicked as to believe in the Bible and not to believe in Bradlaugh.

In the course of the season Mr. Bull will introduce his celebrated performing Lion, when several highly amusing experiments will be tried upon him by various members of the company. Lord Derby will commence by carefully cutting his claws and pulling out his teeth, in order to render him perfectly harmless. N.B.—The audience are respectfully requested to observe the comical expression of the noble animal's face while the operation is being performed.

MR. GLADSTONE will bring forward his highly-trained RUSSIAN BEAR, which will be muzzled for the first time for six seasons. This curious animal will play several diverting tricks upon the Lion, whose tail will be sat upon by Mr. JOHN BRIGHT, to prevent it from wagging. Various members of the company will come forward to make the Lion swallow all kinds of indigestible articles; amongst others

LOCAL OPTION, HOME RULE, and the TREATY of BERLIN.

It is expected that the contortions of the unfortunate animal will prove very entertaining, more especially to foreign spectators, but should he prove unruly he will be immediately chained and

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NO-TORY-OUS.

The most no-Tory-ous county in England,—Durham, which has returned Liberals, 13; Conservatives, 0.

PRIDE.—"My brethren," said Swift in a sermon, "there are three sorts of pride,—of birth, of riches, and of talents. I shall not now speak of the latter, none of you being liable to that abominable vice." If we add to our pride, what we cut off from less favourable faults, we are merely taking our errors out of one pocket to put them into another.