

the last ten years, in the United States, the population had grown at the rate of 26 per cent., that of Canada had halted at less than half that proportionate increase. Further, there was hardly any allusion to the fact that since the result of the Census had been realized, the exodus which kept this proportionate increase to a level so low, had been so augmented that now a personal annexation to the United States had taken place of male adults, greater in proportion to population than from any other country which had been depleted of the class of inhabitants on whom its future most depended. No allusion having been made to the fact, that as from almost every household some one member had been compelled to go into the neighboring country, there would necessarily follow further contributions in that direction. Further, that should those who remained seek the material advantages which a connection with the United States afforded, and loyalty set as lightly on those who remained as upon those who had gone away, the strain and stress on that sentiment would stand a poor chance in the contest between sentiment, on the one hand, and personal interest on the other.

Of course, with an absence in the discussion so complete, of subjects having so important a bearing on the future of Canada, there was no opportunity to consider the only plan by which the allegiance of Canada could be forever maintained to the British crown, and yet all the material advantages secured of a complete obliteration of the barrier which shuts out Canada from the highest degree of prosperity. This plan is that of Unrestricted Reciprocity with the United States, involving a perfect and free exchange of every product and every manufacture of the two countries. Neither English nor foreign delegates seemed to understand, nor was there any effort permitted to enlighten them, that the McKinley bill