

Reform Debating Club.—This is a terrible thing that has happened. The Reform Debating Club, an institution designed for the education of young Reformers, of which the Hon. George Brown is the Patron Saint, has not only had the temerity to discuss the question as to whether the separation of Canada from Great Britain is desirable, but has actually decided the question in the affirmative. Once when Mr. Brown was delivering one of his favorite speeches in the back townships, and after he had exhausted the catalogue of offences which he charged against "John A." and the Tories, a staid old Reformer on the back benches, whose heart was fired and whose soul was in arms, rose up and declared that there was nothing left but rebellion. Somebody ought to have risen up in the Reform Debating Club and declared the same thing, seeing that the spirit of the Patron Saint was not on hand to silence the daring debaters. In default of that, it would seem to be the duty of the chief loyalty-howler to take the members of the Club to task and demand an explanation of their treasonable conduct in discussing a subject that was tabooed, and reaching a decision that will bring all loyalty-howlers to their individual and collective feet. It is right and proper, of course, from our point of view, that all subjects involving the future of the country should be discussed—the more the better; but it is rank treason, in the eyes of the loyalty-howlers, to speak of them at all.

Take the case of the Political Economy Club of Montreal for example. This Club had the sublime assurance to discuss the subject of Canadian independence, without committing itself either for or against a change in that direction, whereupon its members were denounced by the *Globe* as annexationists and everything else that was bad. Now we submit that if the young men who comprise the Reform Debating Club may discuss the question of separation, resolving that it would be beneficial to Canada, and not be impaled upon the horns of a Bow Park shorthorn for so