

we have in Canada a considerable number of people who believe that the present political condition of this country is such as to require no change; people who argue that because the colonial condition has been in the past the most suitable for the requirements of the country, that therefore it must continue to be the most suitable in the future, no matter what may be the internal changes in the country or the development that may take place in her population. These people ignore or deny the growth of the national feeling and practically assert that a vast population may be found in which this feeling is non-existent. If such a population there could be, it certainly is not a population composed of men of Anglo-Saxon descent, inheriting the glorious traditions of the race, and in whom the principles of political freedom and political combination are the moving powers in all actions. For this class of the community such an article as the present must always appear as so much labour wasted: the mere discussion of the matter is futile, for no change can ever be requisite. Though they cannot be deaf to the opinions that are expressed both publicly and privately around them, yet they would assert that these opinions are not the outcome of any logical necessity, but only the mutterings of unreasoning discontent. Such, however, is not the case. The national spirit is a force which sooner or later makes itself practically felt in our politics, and they who are animated by a spirit of loyalty to our Queen, those who value British connection as our highest good and dearest birth-

right, should, instead of attempting to stifle the discussions that are rising among us, endeavour to guide them towards Federal Union with England as being our ultimate goal. He who denies that any change in our political system is necessary is not the most loyal to his Queen; but rather he who, while pointing out the necessity for this change, will lend all his energies to the attainment of Federal Union with England. The discussion of these matters will increase among us; it has its roots in a real need and not in any ephemeral condition of things. It is the duty of every one, in his own sphere of action, not to attempt to stem the current of these opinions; but so to divert it that it will set towards Federal Union with England rather than toward Annexation or Independence. This union should be the goal to which all our endeavours tend; it should be the final condition of every colony, the completion of our political system. Though the difficulties in the way of its attainment are great, they are by no means insuperable, and a unity of action on our part would rapidly overcome them. An object such as this is one that should enlist the sympathies of Canadians of all shades of politics. Federation of the Empire is a rallying cry which should gather all men of loyal feelings, and its consummation would secure to Canada the greatest national good. It would ensure to us the most stable form of government, the greatest immunity from war, the most rapid development of population, and the most far-reaching commercial prosperity. It is the true political destiny of this country.