

NO HOSTILITY AGAINST UNITED STATES.

Now, I want to warn you with all the influence I can command against cherishing foolish feelings of hostility to the United States. My policy is neither to cringe nor to snarl. (Applause.) I am no blind admirer of the United States or the institutions thereof. I admit that the people of the United States have many good qualities, as well as some bad ones, and I know too well that they do occasionally descend to commit pieces of sharp practice quite unworthy of a great nation. (Applause.) But I would say to Canadian jingoes—I hope there are not many of them here to-night, I do not think there are—that the greatest foe to Canada and to the English-speaking race is the man who would stir up evil feeling between the British Empire and the United States. (Applause.) This is one of those cases in which each party has much to give and much to gain, and, I may add, very much to lose by playing at cross purposes.

A FRIENDLY ALLIANCE.

I may be pardoned for saying a word for my own position. I have held this doctrine long; I have at all times advocated the formation of a friendly alliance by any possible means between Great Britain, Canada and the United States. With that view I advocated reciprocity with the United States. Largely with that view I have advocated the British preference. It is for that reason I would welcome an English zollverein as a step in that direction, and if Mr. Balfour and Mr. Chamberlain desire to bring about the realization of such a project, then I would heartily bid them God-speed. (Applause.)

GROWTH OF THE UNITED STATES.

If they mean to utilize this great weapon which American selfishness has put into their hands Canada will profit by it. I do not want, for my part, that we should gain at England's cost. We can prosper without that, and prosper abundantly, as we have shown the people of the United States we are able to prosper without them. (Loud applause.) But with all that I