

place of growth, in Sherbrooke than it does in Lowell.

Our water privileges in Canada are far superior and ten times cheaper. We have an intelligent population seeking employment and who will say the population of Canada is not intelligent? The farmer's daughter resorting to Lowell from the mountains of New Hampshire or Maine, secures at once 50 cts. per day, for her labour; the Canadian female is glad to obtain work in the country at 12 ½ cts. Annexation would introduce American enterprise and American capital to erect buildings, and machinery, and we should see our country dotted all over with manufactories; we should then compete successfully with Lowell in the supplying of the Western States—or—the price of labour would be advanced from 100 to 200 per cent, either result equally desirable to Canada. If the people of Canada believe the statements we have, and shall, put forth, they will support us—if they are erroneous or unfounded, we look for no approval. If the people of Canada approve of what we now advocate, they will testify that approval at the polls—and support those at the next General Election, who will advocate Annexation in the Legislature—whence—if Resolutions are sent to England declaratory of the wishes of our people for a Separation, the Statesmen of England will advise the Sovereign to assent to their request. We should then have free trade, not only in the products of the soil, the forest and the mine, but in manufactured goods. Free trade with 23 millions of people immediately on our borders. We should then, too, have cheap Government, and best of all we should then be an united, prosperous, and happy people.

Resolved, 2. "That our state of colonial dependence can only be prolonged at the sacrifice of our most valuable interests, and that this meeting, considering the social, commercial and political difficulties of Canada, and feeling the weight of the evils that oppress our Society, believes that the only attainable measures capable of permanently improving our condition, consist in a peaceable separation from Great Britain, with her consent, and the Annexation of Canada to the United States of America,"

WILLIAM MOLSON, ESQ. seconded the resolution, which was put and carried without a dissenting voice.