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"Annexation is unnecessary; it is undesirable; it is in our day impossible."—*Speech at Toronto October, 1890.*

"The increasing number in Canada who are talking about annexation to the United States, should ponder well the sentence from Horace: 'The short space of life forbids the laying of plans requiring a long time for their accomplishment.'

"In grasping for what in fifty years may still be a shadow, there is danger of losing the substance which is attainable in five years. In practical politics in Canada, as indeed in the United States, the early consummation of Political Union is attended with the gravest difficulties, especially should both countries pursue a policy of belligerency, which, with this end in view, one of them is invited to do. On the other hand a commercial union, for instance in the shape of Continental Free Trade, is early possible, and is being promoted by forces that are well nigh irresistible."—*Speech at St. John, N. B., October, 1892.*

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