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NO ANNEXATION SENTIMENT.

There is no doubt that among the people of the United States a general feeling exists that Canada is ready and waiting to leap into the arms of the republic; that she is restless under the bands that unite her with Britain, and would gladly welcome annexation.

Our friends to the south were never more mistaken. There is absolutely no annexation in Canada; there never was a period in our history when the very word was more repugnant to the Canadian people, and any public man or newspaper in the Dominion advocating annexation would be driven from public favor and relegated to oblivion.

We may have our disappointments; the loss of territory by the Alaskan tribunal decision was one of them; we have grumbled over the apparent lack of appreciation of our interests shown by British statesmen and juriets, but as for seeking a balm for our lacerated feelings in annexation the thing has not occurred to the meapest of His Majesty's Canadian subjects.

We Canadians are British through and through. We are proud of our British ancestry, and the great traditions and history of the British nation, and we have proved to the world on blood-stained battle fields that we are ready to fight not only for our own Canada, but to preserve the Empire. We are proud of Canada too. We are growing fast now, we are developing in a manner that attracts the attention of the world. We are bigger territorially than the United States, and the time will come probably within the present century when our population will be as great as theirs.

Why should we desire annexation? We have a better system of government than our neighbors, more freedom, greater possibilities even, and a more loving, progressive, prosperous and contented people.

Annexation! We have no use for it and the sooner our American friends realize the fact the better for their peace of mind. We may not be so important in the world's political society as the United States, but we're coming, and let our American friends take note of our rapid rise in all that makes for a great country. They are indeed already looking to our splendid country for homes, and tens of thousands of them are finding lodgment and prosperity in our great west. We are glad to have them because we believe they will become good and useful citizens, and ardent admirers of our British institutions. That is the kind of annexation that is going on in Canada at the present time, and there is no other.

OUR WINTER PORTS.

Halifax is looking forward to a busy winter in shipping circles. The grain elevator which has been standing idle ever since its erection some five years ago, is to be actively employed. Already twenty carloads of grain have arrived from the west, and it is expected that a million bushels will be shipped from the city before next spring. Last winter 23,000 immigrants landed at Halifax, but the indications that there will be at least 50,000 this year.

At St. John unusual activity will also prevail in the winter port business. Twenty more steamships than last year will load freights for trans Atlantic ports, the business being limited only by the absence of greater terminal facilities, which must be provided in the near future. The government property on the east side as well as the Sand Point facilities are to be utilized to their fullest extent. In the meantime there is much discussion as to

who shall furnish the increased facilities. The people of St. John think they have spent enough of their own money in that direction, the C. P. R. declines to put up the money, although the civic authorities have not quite abandoned hope that the big railway corporation will come to their assistance. The local government has offered to contribute means for assisting the port, but the Sun, with a thanklessness born of political ferocity, rejects the proffered aid. The federal government is being beseeched to aid St. John, to make it the national winter port of Canada, and it is not likely that the appeal will be made in vain.

Sir Wilfrid Laurier has declared that he looks forward to the time when not a pound of Canadian produce will be shipped other than through Canadian ports, and if he is permitted to retain authority at Ottawa he may make that declaration good. The building of the Grand Trunk Pacific Railway to the maritime provinces will bring greatly increased trade to maritime ports, and altogether the outlook is most encouraging. Both St. John and Halifax are yet in their infancy compared with what they are bound to become as Canada's winter ports. There will be business enough for both, and while there must necessarily be strong business rivalry, there should be no jealousies nor hard feelings between the two cities.

Tory organs in the Maritime Provinces have been alleging all along that the eastern section of the Grand Trunk Pacific Railway would never be built, but the allegation is given contradiction in their own news columns. An Ottawa despatch to the Sun says: Preparations are being made for the commencement of surveys on the Winnipeg-Moncton section of the trans-continental railway. Some of the survey parties are already in the field. Work can be proceeded with in winter with almost as much facility as in summer.

The Woodstock exhibition has a total of \$1,300.

RATHER PATRONIZING.

Halifax Newspaper Gives U. N. B. Footballists Some Hints.

Speaking of the U. N. B.—Dalhousie football game at Halifax, Wednesday, the Recorder of that city says:

"Dalhousie continued their record of victories Wednesday, defeating the University of New Brunswick team from Fredericton by a score of 16 to 0. The visitors came here with a record of having defeated Mount Allison and St. John, a win and a defeat from Fredericton, and played a draw with Acadia, and they had some hopes of winning from the Nova Scotia champions, and while these ideas still prevailed with them until after the first half, the latter part of the game soon showed them that they have much to learn if they expected to contend with the Halifax teams.

The Nova Scotia team did not do themselves justice in the first half; they may have held their opponents too cheap, but whatever the reason they were a long way from their form.

There were nearly 1,000 persons present, and they were surprised to see Dalhousie so close to their opponents' line, and still not score. From the very outset the Nova Scotians showed they were masters of their opponents, but they could not get across the line until after nine minutes play. Dalhousie had the ball close to the line several times during the remainder of the half, but the visitors put up such a good defence, and the Nova Scotians were so much below their form that no further scores were made in the half.

Dalhousie did not leave the field between the halves, but grouped together and talked over the situation, with the result that the visitors were soon shown that they were outclassed.

The visitors certainly have good material, and if they played a season in the Halifax league would prove most formidable; as it is, they play with more snap

than any of our teams, but they lack knowledge of many of the fine points of the game. A number of them were inclined to play offside, but Frank Stephen, who refereed, evidently seeing that Dalhousie were their superiors, was very lenient in imposing penalties. The surprising feature of their play was by their forwards; though they had but seven men in the scrim (playing five half backs) against Dalhousie's great line, they got the ball over and over again during the first half. They heeled out better, for hardly was the leather in the scrim when they had it out again. Dalhousie, however, watched them more in the second half, with the result that they achieved more than usual success.

Goodspeed, formerly of Acadia, played on the wing, and he was of great assistance to the backs by his dribbling and punting. Everett and McBeath are both good quarters, tackle quick and are fast. The half backs were quick to pick up the ball, and are possessed of speed, but they lack systematic passing, and with such sharp speedy backs, if they would practice this branch of the game it would greatly improve their general play. Malcolm, a brother of Dalhousie's crack forward, is one of their best halves; Fraser is also a clever player, and Finnemore has an abundance of speed. Dunphy is an excellent full back, quick, and a good kick.



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