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NEWFOUNDLAND.

Mr. Tobin, of St. John, on Annexation to Canada.

Newfoundland may not be within the Canadian Federation; but its inhabitants do not regard themselves as strangers when they visit the Dominion. It was as a man thoroughly at home that Mr. John J. Tobin, of St. John's, Newfoundland, spoke while in Toronto recently.

Mr. Tobin, however, can hardly be said to be sympathetic towards Newfoundland uniting with Canada. "The colony where my home is," he said, "is better standing alone. She has resources that will enable her to maintain herself without the aid of the Dominion, and I do not see what is to be gained by confederation."

"Are there not, though, many in Newfoundland who would like to join with Canada?"

"Four years ago," remarked Mr. Tobin, "the feeling was almost entirely in favor of such a move; but not now. Newfoundland then got a rebuff from Canada she will not soon forget, and her experience at that time has destroyed all wish for union. And would Canada," Mr. Tobin went on, "take us in, even though we wanted to join with her? We have a debt of 15 million dollars and Canada would not be willing to take that on her shoulders. Thirty years ago, if a Government had a deficit in its budget of \$1,000, the colony would have forced it to resign; but of late years some politicians think that the debt is good for a country, and hence the extent of our liabilities."

"Would Newfoundland then prefer to unite with the States?" "No, not in the least. We are British and have little liking for the States. The States afford us a good market for our products, that is all, but we stand by the Empire."

Ralph Connor Is Answered.

Much annoyance and general surprise has been caused in British Columbia by the receipt there of the news that Rev. C. W. Gordon ("Ralph Connor") had declared in an address in Toronto that "There is to-day a very distinct and very dangerous cleavage between British Columbia and Eastern Canada," and that "Business is thicker than blood, and before business, blood and water and almost everything else disappears. If the business relations between the Canadian and American cities on the Pacific coast goes on increasing, then the ties of blood are in great danger of being sacrificed." That Mr. Gordon should make a

statement so utterly at variance with the facts of the case is a matter of astonishment to all who were spoken to on the subject here. Out of a dozen prominent men who were asked for opinions of the statement, not one concurred in it; in fact, the opinion was unanimous that the exact contrary of the facts had been stated.

On the coast Canadianism is stronger to-day than ever in the history of the Province, and the same is true of interior points. As it is not known that Mr. Gordon has been to British Columbia recently, it is presumed that he must have been misled by others.



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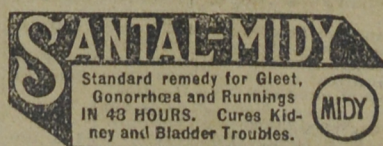
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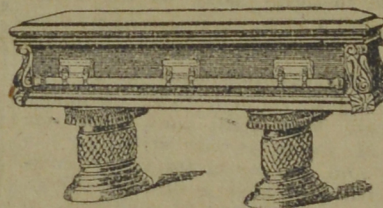


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