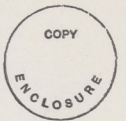




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It is alleged that much mischief has arisen from the public expression of irresponsible opinion upon this subject, and that international comity is thereby endangered. With the object, then, of obtaining a responsible and representative judgment upon the Annexation Question, we beg to invite the favor of brief replies to the following interrogations. The responses will be grouped by "An English Liberal," and arranged for simultaneous publication in the Press of this Continent and of Great Britain.

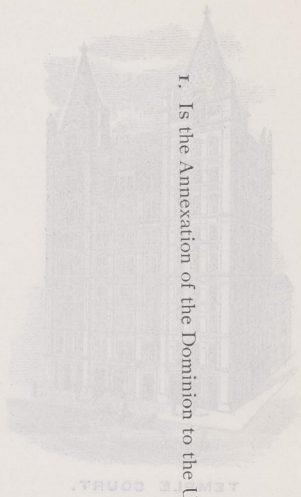
Should you be willing to oblige us with your views, but object to have your name appear, such a stipulation will be scrupulously observed.

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1. Is the Annexation of the Dominion to the United States seriously advocated in Canada ?

(a) If so, by whom? What is the strength of the Separatist Party? and how is the agitation regarded by the community at large?

(b) If not, to what cause do you attribute the prominence given to this question on the platform and in the Press?

2. Is there a feeling of discontent with Canadian political institutions other than that expressed for party purposes by the Parliamentary Opposition?

(a) If so, how does it find popular expression?

3. Is there any impatience with the political relations existing between the Dominion and the Parent Country?

(a) If so, does it take the form of a desire for Independence or for Annexation?

4. What are your own views upon the system of government under Confederation as compared with that of the United States?

5. In your opinion, what is the Political Destiny of Canada?

