

**COL. FRED DENISON COMES UP SMILING.**

Col. Fred C. Denison, in another column, indicates that he does not understand the nature of our objection to his position on Commercial Union. While he is correct in stating that the scheme would involve free trade between Canada and the States and a common tariff against the rest of the world, he has no good grounds for supposing that "we shall have to go to Washington for our proportion of revenue," or for assuming that any other of his forecasts would be verified. It is quite true that Commercial Union may not be attainable on terms that would be satisfactory to Canadians. If so they will doubtless do without the gain. Colonel Denison need not be alarmed at the prospects if he is so sure of his countrymen as he says he is. They will not vote to do what they do not want to do. And if they vote to do what Col. Denison does not like, surely they may do it with impunity.

The Commercial Unionist says:—"I have convinced myself that free trade with the United States would be profitable for Canada. I think it would be conducive to the welfare of Great Britain. So strongly do I believe this that I would consent to a Customs Union between the United States and Canada, though I'd rather have Unrestricted Reciprocity and no Customs Union. But I'm not sure that a Customs Union can be arranged on terms fair and honorable to Canada. That's just what I want to find out. Therefore, I want to see the Fisheries Commissioners trying to arrange a Customs Union on fair and honorable terms. I think they can. If they can't, no harm will have been done by their trying. If our representative doesn't make an obviously honest effort to procure the boon I, for one, will do all I can to put out him and those responsible with him. Then we can try again, under less advantageous circumstances, to obtain Continental Free Trade on honorable terms." Will the Colonel say there is anything wrong or unpatriotic in that position?