

"In the Middle Ages nobody doubted that it was wrong to buy and sell in the same market—with the single aim of raising prices and making money on the rise. Nobody doubted in those unenlightened times that making money by creating an artificial scarcity was stealing."

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WANT TO MANAGE THEIR OWN AFFAIRS—SIR ROBERT PERKS  
SAYS DOMINION SHOULD BE LEFT TO DEAL WITH INTERNAL  
AFFAIRS IN OWN WAY.

London, June 6.—"The Canadian people want to be left to deal with their own internal affairs in their own way, and with a minimum of advice from Downing Street," said Sir Robert Perks, when interviewed on his recent Canadian tour.

"What the attitude of Canadians would be were the Japanese to appear at Vancouver is quite a different matter," was a remark that Sir Robert sandwiched in.

"How did you find the economic outlook?" he was asked.

"Well, it isn't all that could be desired," he replied. "Notwithstanding the vast sums of money that Canada has been able to secure from foreign investors, especially Great Britain, there is undoubtedly a decided stringency in the money market. The Canadian banks, in fact, can't lend the money that the industries of the country require."

Sir Robert denies that the tariff has unduly raised the cost of living in Canada, but it has undoubtedly had the effect of raising wages, he said.

"The tariff has little to do with the question of living," was his opinion. "What the spending classes have most to fear is rather the danger of trade combinations which will raise prices to abnormal rates."