

Pacific railway was constructed, that greatest of Canadian statesmen, Sir John A. Macdonald thought that he had done his full duty to his country when he brought the road to Montreal. When another trans-continental route is brought to the attention of the public it is made to extend clear across the continent from ocean to ocean—and more than that, steamship connections on both the Atlantic and Pacific are demanded. No doubt there was an attempt on the part of those who desired to construct the new road to use existing lines rather than to build a highway, every mile of which would be on Canadian territory. But the Canadian people would not have it, and should there be an attempt to divert Canadian trade through foreign channels it will create such a disturbance that the attempt will have to be abandoned. It will be five years before this new transcontinental highway can be constructed and if national sentiment continues to develop in that period as it has in the past five years, he would be a brave man indeed who would attempt, by word or deed, to do anything that would hinder the growth and development of every section of this broad Dominion.

The development of the national idea is responsible for the present state of mind in Canada respecting our trade with the States. Unless he is personally interested, there is not a man in Canada, no matter what his politics may be, who does not believe that the United States is treating one of its best customers in a very scurvy manner, and is therefore anxious and willing that such national action should be taken, as an individual would exercise under similar conditions.

The duty of Canadians to themselves is clearly to manufacture at home as much of the goods they need