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labour discontinued, and multiplied disasters coming upon many a section of this country from Capo Breton to British Columbia. In the proposition before us to-night they put it mildly. It is a little economy, a little revision, and a little of something else; but you must look at the motive that inspires them. A British sovereign held out in the hand and placed within your palm is a good thing. You can buy food and clothing with it; but the same British sovereign pressed tightly upon the opening of your windpipe will bring death, and bring it quickly. Outside of these assertions of ultimate purpose on the part of hon. gentlemen opposite the proposition before the House may combine features which are in themselves harmless, some of which may be right; but it is a coin which is meant to strangle the principle of protection and destroy it in

this country. I ask hon. gentlemen to weigh carefully these matters; to weigh them when they come before the people; to have them put right upon every hustings, and in every assembly in this country, so that people may vote with their eyes open to the full consequences of their action; and if, after doing that, it be found that this battle, pressed to the finish, as it will be, results in a victory for the principle of free trade rather than protection, so be it; but I have a firm and abiding faith that the way to victory does not lie by that path.

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