

and State of New York is also true of Philadelphia and Baltimore and the States of Pennsylvania and Maryland. The latter, more remote from Canada, have not so clearly perceived the advantages of being enabled, with fewer or diminished impediments, to sell to her the products of their workshops or their imports from Europe and the regions of the tropics. Railroads, now giving such easy access from Baltimore and Philadelphia to the interior of the continent, have placed within their reach new advantages as regards trade with Canada which they do not yet adequately appreciate but are already of much importance and will continue to increase for centuries to come.

It is not surprising that the merchants and manufacturers of New England estimate at its real importance an extension of trade with Canada, a country not only contiguous to their own for many hundreds of miles, but for a considerable distance intervening between their territory and the ocean, and so near to them that a man may stand with one foot on each side of the dividing line. Yet as Canada is no mere eastern province, but extends across the continent from the Atlantic to the Pacific Ocean, and the best and most fertile parts of the Dominion are in the interior, her trade is no more important to New England than to any other part of the Union. While sugar or coffee, if sent by the Saint Lawrence route and through Quebec and Montreal to Toronto, must be carried more than three times as far as if sent via New York and at an enormously increased expense, the same causes operate constantly and must ever continue to do so with regard to Baltimore, Philadelphia, New Orleans, and all other southern ports in connection with Western Ontario, Manitoba, and other inland regions of the British possessions. If such a continental system as I desire to see should be established, no cities would feel its stimulating influences in greater force than Saint Louis and Chicago. The latter perhaps would be its heart and center.

BY OTHERS WITHOUT DISTINCTION OF PLACE OR PARTY.

I have endeavored to present the facts in the most simple form. As the resolutions I offer in regard to them have been approved by the various local commercial bodies of the United States to which they have been presented, from Chicago and Milwaukee to Boston, without partisan considerations, and, so far as I know, with any dissentient voice, so also were they unanimously recommended at the last meeting of the National Board of Trade, an association which attracts to its councils leading merchants and manufacturers from all parts of the Union. It includes alike among its members free-traders and protectionists. Several of the latter took special pains to state in explicit terms and the strongest language that they were "protectionists from the soles of their feet to the crowns of their heads," but they all without any exception advocated the unequivocal and entire adoption