

hitherto been supported by the mechanics in the belief that it raises wages ; but the increased vote cast by artisans in favour of Free Trade at the last Presidential Election shows that this fallacy is losing hold. To withdraw all at once the foundation, however erroneous, on which the industrial edifice has been built, would plainly be dangerous, and many who in principle are Free Traders will desire to move cautiously on that account. The same thing may be said with regard to our Protectionist policy in Canada. But tariff reform is coming and it will help us to Continental Free Trade. The Republican party itself, we repeat, can have no better policy than that which would reduce revenue while it extended trade.

—So quiet and commercial a transaction as the termination of monarchy in Brazil can hardly be called a revolution. It seems to have been brought about mainly by mistrust of the clerical tendencies of the heiress and her consort. Not unlikely Pedro himself foresaw a catastrophe. There is no great change, since the monarchy was constitutional, and the monarch, we are told, at New York rode to his hotel in a hack robed in a common duster. Yet the news sounds like the passing bell of Old World institutions in the New World. We are now fairly face to face with Democracy, and while the foolish and thoughtless will exult as if humanity had finally entered into a political Paradise the wise and thoughtful will bend themselves more earnestly than ever to the arduous task of making democracy a government not of popular will but of the reason and conscience of the community. The will of the people no more constitutes a right than the will of a despot; nor, if this is a moral world, is it a better and surer foundation for a polity. Feeble attempts to engraft aristocracy on Canada by means of titles or the influence of the little court at Ottawa will share the fate of the attempt to engraft monarchy on Brazil. We must frankly accept the dispensation and for real and lasting safeguards look to democracy itself organized on the principal not of anybody's will but of duty.