

Do we realise that the immense number of unemployed and of underpaid men in this country is producing an increasing discontent, and alienation of class from class? The recent display of national loyalty proves that politically, and nationally, the heart of the people is sound; but clergymen and physicians, who have peculiar opportunities of penetrating into all grades of society, assure us that the breach between the rich and the poor, in a social point of view, is now almost complete. If we could but for a moment realize what this means, nothing would stop us until we had diminished to the utmost of our power the number of the unemployed. And the great evil which is shackling our trade, trades unions, really springs from the same cause. While the number of candidates for work exceeded the demand, employers gave inadequate wages. In self-defence, combinations were formed among the working men, who soon learned the power they could thus wield; and just as soon abused it. So now the breach between employers and employed is complete; and the favourite cry of the agitator has become one for war between Labour and Capital.

What then is the lesson to be drawn from the study of England and of Canada in 1871?

Surely, friends, it is *this*: That the Empire should be one not merely in name, but in reality: that the fulness of one part should