

Great Britain? ¶ Stock "watering" does not help the honest business man. It fattens the parasite. It enriches the smooth-tongued gentleman who, living on the callousness of governments, will in turn use part of his ill-gotten money to corrupt governments and make them still more, but this time advertently, callous. If the business corporation refuses to be in any wise responsible to the People, let it remain under the common law; let the People's protection be withdrawn from its individual members. The lack of control of the limited concern has raised the cost of living fifty per cent in the United States. The same thing will happen in Canada unless the Federal and Provincial governments take prompt action. This too is Nationalist doctrine.

¶ Naturally, such a policy cannot prevail in one day. It cannot even be expected to be dealt with in anything like a fair spirit by most newspapers. ¶ In Quebec, and, I suppose, in the other provinces as well, newspaper proprietors are developing a fondness for lumber, mining and electric lighting stocks. Of the three French dailies of Montreal, not one can be said to be free of that taint. Their proprietors are all doing business with, and getting grants from, governments. Other papers, while not directly interested, are sufficiently patronized by the beneficiaries of the present system not to hesitate to prejudice the public against reform when the state of their financial affairs demands it. ¶ With the English papers, the discussion of those matters is furthermore obscured by race or creed prejudice. That the economic and social legislation proposed by the Nationalists in the Provincial sphere would suit all the provinces, the writer