

kept in mind, that though it is true the conditions are constantly changing at all points throughout the world, under which profitable production can be carried on ; the cause of production is the same at all times and places, namely, the necessity of the individual to provide food, clothes and shelter for himself and those dependent on him. Experience proves that this individual effort, enforced by nature, will cause wealth to increase in any country, in spite of the mistakes of rulers, the aggression of monopoly, and all other adverse conditions, short of such, that causes population to decrease. It is for this reason that all but the very worst governments, can point to the growth of wealth during their administration, as evidence of the wisdom of their acts.

The proposal now made by some of the representatives of the self-governing portions of the Empire, supported by certain politicians of Great Britain, is, that the Mother land should give the products of the outlying portions of the Empire a preference in her market, by putting a duty on similar products when imported from foreign countries, and that the colonies favor the products of the Mother land and each other in a similar way.

The imposition of such duties would of necessity suddenly change the conditions under which profitable production is carried on amongst the bread winners for the three hundred and ninety-six million inhabitants, who are now fed, clothed, and