

The necessity of the woolen manufacturing interest, now so greatly depressed, would be greatly served by a free supply of Canadian wool, well known to be of a character greatly prized and, indeed, essential to mix with American wool. In New Brunswick and Quebec (the latter comprising five times the area of New York State) there would be stimulated the growth of wool and other essential supplies; from the great Province of Ontario—the most favored spot on the continent—there would be derived an infinite variety of products, from the mine, the forest, and the field; while in the enormous wheat-producing areas of the Canadian north-western territories there would be found a receptacle for immigration from all the world, thus affording a field for western trade and for western transportation of the greatest possible consequence. As for the Pacific coast, no boon could be afforded to California and Oregon greater than is implied in the essential supplies from British Columbia of the finest coal, the largest timber, and the enormous fishing wealth which the coast of that province affords—a coast the extent of which the reader will realize when he is told that it covers a mileage as great as from Florida in the south to the upper boundary of Maine on the north.

In furtherance of the pronounced sentiment in behalf of a commercial policy that would make all these palpable advantages almost immediately available, a most significant event was the unanimous passage, at the close of the last session of Congress, by the House of Representatives, of a resolution which, had it been assented to by the Senate, would have proved a great