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The Central Committee of "the association for the promotion of Canadian industry," desire to invite your special attention to the purposes of this organization, as expressed in the preamble and second article of its constitution, which read as follows:

"In order to promote the advancement of the manufacturing and industrial interests of Canada, and to secure and maintain their general welfare, we hereby organize ourselves into an association."

"Its general purposes shall be to encourage progress in manufacturing by promoting invention, disseminating useful discoveries, facilitating the immigration of skilled labor to our midst, and by periodical interchange of ideas among its members. Its specific intent shall be to use every legitimate means to prevent and avoid violent fluctuations in the customs regulations of our Government, and to promote such a system in the arrangement of those customs as will afford legitimate remuneration to the investment of capital and enterprise."

They trust that these are sufficient to correct misapprehension as to the objects and design of its promoters, as all followers of mechanical and industrial pursuits are cordially invited to join; while the liberal terms of membership provided by the constitution, and the privileges accorded, must defend it against the charge of exclusiveness.

He must indeed be given to fault finding that can discover objection to the promotion of invention, the disseminating of useful information and discoveries, the facilitating of immigration of skilled labor to our midst, and the improvement which ordinarily springs from an interchange of ideas.

No paltry characteristics of motive or means are here, to challenge criticism or arouse detraction, but a grand scheme of public intelligence and improvement, broad enough to encompass the interests of all classes, and certainly meriting a sympathy as universal.