

Further, if the industrials of similar branches would unite for the purpose of representing their common interest before the people and Parliament a great deal of good might be derived, especially so if this would have the effect of doing away with existing jealousies, promote an even and healthy mode of business and a sharper division of work amongst the different branches with a better and cheaper production in the end.

Lastly, our freighting and shipping within the bounds of the country might be improved and new facilities opened. A decided change for the better can be recorded since the last two months. Before this time, however, bulky and weighty goods could be laid down cheaper into Toronto and Hamilton from New York, Boston, Portland and even Philadelphia and Baltimore than from the principal ports of our own country, which was the cause that a deal of business had to be left to our neighbors.

It is also to be hoped that the expectations connected with the opening of the Intercolonial Railroad will be realized, and that the interests of the maritime provinces become more identified with ours, which would no doubt facilitate the settlement of difficult tariff questions materially.

The opening of a direct line of vessels to the West Indies would also,—be of great advantage to the country, but as long as our tariffs prohibit the refining of sugars, we cannot predict long life to such a line, which must remain a chimera as long as.