

In Canada, however, matters in this respect had already reached a crisis. On the merits of Free Trade, public sentiment in that country startled at the progress of indisputable facts—equally conspicuous and ruinous—has now turned quite round to the directly opposite point. The popular vote, in consequence of this revulsion of the national opinion, was powerful enough at the general election which ensued to eject from power by a decisive majority the former non-protectionist government. The commercial system by which the former policy has been superseded fully equals in operation the anticipations of its promoters, and disappoints only the comparatively few who were interested in the permanency of the abandoned tariff.