

party who are convinced that there is something radically wrong with our trade relations I submit with confidence these views. Join with us. Give Canada a chance to get into the life of this continent and she will abundantly justify your faith by not only holding her own but by becoming the most prosperous part of America, as she is now the most to be envied in other respects. We will preserve our nationality, we will keep our young people at home, we will grow and prosper. Without that trade we are not keeping our people, we are stagnant in growth and business is poor. The reasons that have brought about this condition continue to operate.

If we delay the remedy much longer no one can tell how long even our nationality will be maintained. Continued commercial depression made an annexationist of the present head of the government, Mr. Abbott, years ago. *Like causes produce like results.* The true patriot will seek to remove the cause. It is certain the N. P. has to go. If we can give the protected manufacturer the American market in exchange he has no ground to complain, and it will mean renewed life and vigor to the country at large. The producer has to be relieved in any case, and if we cannot get unrestricted reciprocity with the United States, the sooner we adopt the general principles of Free Trade the better. But one thing at a time. It is the bounden duty of all who agree as to the benefits of unrestricted reciprocity to see that an offer is made as soon as possible on fair terms. The alternative policy we may not agree upon, but it will be time enough to discuss what that is to be when the first and best remedy has failed.

The present issue is a plain one. The pretence of seeking reciprocity by people pledged to the maintenance of the N. P. is a pretence merely. They have no faith in accomplishing anything, and are only using reciprocity as a blind. The strength and growth of public opinion is best shown by the forced advocacy of some "reciprocity" by its greatest enemies. Yet at every public meeting they show involuntarily their opposition to what they profess to seek by holding up the American market as one not to be desired, and by jingo appeals devoid of any reason.

Mr. Chapleau says that "unrestricted reciprocity" is dead. It will never die. The desire for trade with our neighbors will grow, and Mr. Chapleau and his friends can no more stem that tide than they can prevent the waters of Detroit River commingling without regard to national boundaries.