

demand preferences upon the same ground. We all remember the melancholy case of that Mr. Smith who ended his life, because he "laboured under the apprehension that he would come to poverty, and that his soul was eternally lost." We also remember that Matthew Arnold likened many of us to this unfortunate man, in our concern for making money and saving our souls. We are not now so much concerned about our souls. We have substituted for that solicitude the desire to "get into good society," but we are solicitous as ever about making money. To the socially ambitious "loyalty" has become like the burden of Jaques's song: "ducdame—an invocation to call fools into a circle." Within the last year a ship-load of patriots journeyed to England, and stood before kings. They sat at banquets, and met upon equal terms eminent personages whose shoe-latchets they would not have been counted worthy to unloose, had they appeared in the quality of plain individual farmers, lumbermen, miners, merchants, and manufacturers, of whom there are several millions in Canada.

Loyalty in Canada has in some way become identified with that class which favours a monopoly of trade, it may be because they have the facilities for making themselves heard. They have their associations, their paid secretaries, their publicity bureaus, their cable-service for disseminating their views. It is they who have propagated the theory that the loyalty of Canada depends upon the benefits which they receive. They have created a tariff as high as the country will stand. They have made it a little higher against all the world except England, and call that a preference, reserving to themselves the right to give an equal preference in any other quarter. Not content with free entry of their own goods into England, they demand that the entry of goods from other countries shall be put under an imposition. If, they say, this is not done, Canada will become disloyal, and either seek refuge with the United States, or set up in "business" on her own account. Canada will do nothing of the kind. If her loyalty depends upon commercial gain, the sooner England