

to be forced on the British market, or American inventions to commend themselves to the British people. American kitcheners, American ovens, as well as American cheese and provisions, as well as many other productions had long been imported into England from the United States; but the result had been, as he believed, it would always be when Englishmen were brought into competition with foreigners—such were their resources, the means of their manufacturers, the enormous appliances at their disposal—that they soon recovered themselves, as they did in the shipping trade, which, at a time, seemed likely to be beaten by American clippers, and proved themselves after all to be the first in the race. Another reason of those goods being sold in England was that they were virtually bankrupt stocks. They knew the market of the United States was being overcrowded with sugar, and that there was a much larger production of the refined sugar than could find a sale in that country. They had only a comparatively limited market. Protection had prevented them becoming a great exporting community as England was, and so if there was a surplus of goods and they required funds, they had to do what every bankrupt was compelled to do—bring them to the hammer and get rid of them by a forced sale. That was the secret of a large portion of the importations of American goods into England at the present time. Assuming it was the result of protection, to what did it amount? It amounted to this: that, after seventeen years of inordinately high protective tariffs the United States, with all her natural resources at her command, with cotton, iron and coal at her doors, possessing everything that could make a nation a great manufacturing community, with every advantage England had and some she had not, was able now, in 1878, to do on a very small scale what England had been doing as a matter of course under a Free-trade system for the last 20 or 30 years. But there was another reason why he objected to the policy of hon. gentlemen opposite. Let them believe that England was suffering to-day from the loss of her customers, and that it was

Free-trade that had brought her to the position she was described as occupying, where should she look for life? Where was the loud-mouthed loyalty; where were those who uttered denunciations at anybody who even suggested that the British flag at any time might be hauled down? Where was the party of loyalty? There was no party of loyalty in Great Britain; there was no question of that kind between the two parties there; no man there would pretend to be more loyal than his neighbour. They never prated there about their loyalty or talked about their allegiance, because no one doubted their allegiance. But the party that was for ever going into the streets and market places, and declaring it was not disloyal, that it did not desire to offend the Mother Country, that it did not desire to haul up any other flag, would to-day inflict a fatal stab upon that England which was said, by the leader of that party, to be driven to seek customers in Central Africa. Here, at least, England should find liberal customers; here, at least, she should find a people who were not so imbued with their own selfish interests as to join hand in hand with Russia, Germany, and other nations that had stood in arms against her from time to time, in building fiscal barriers around her, and adding to the misery, suffering, and depression that was asserted to exist. He would now leave hon. gentlemen opposite to carry out what he did not hesitate to stigmatize as a disloyal policy towards Great Britain. He would not, however, impugn the loyalty of the hon. member for Terrebonne (Mr. Masson), whose face beamed over with loyalty at all times. The hon. gentleman evidently did not know into what bad company he had fallen. If he only dared to assert his own position, it should be as the leader of a great independent and loyal party. He was sure the hon. member for Charlevoix, the follower of Sir George Cartier could not be disloyal, for Sir George was the most loyal of Canadians, although there was that little episode about which so much unnecessary conversation took place the other day. But that hon. gentleman should not be found in company