

ber mills of Maine and of Michigan found they must have Canadian logs or abandon their business; the pulp and paper mills of New York and New England found they must have Canadian spruce; the United States government found it must depend on Canadian nickel for its navy; and now the iron workers of the United States are exploring all of Canada for iron ore. Boston needs Nova Scotia coal, and the northwestern states are making the same requisition on British Columbia. All of the consuming cities from Boston to Chicago are petitioning for Canadian fish and Canadian farm products, so that in the process of time it has happened that American purveyors of these requirements have come to Canada for their supplies. In the beginning of this movement these foreigners meant no good to Canada; they simply proposed to increase the exportation of Canadian raw materials while still obstructing their manufacture in Canada. These visitors were neither philosophers nor sound business men; they were building only for the day, and have been followed by others of more sagacity, I, myself, may claim this distinction, and the Canadian frontier from Sydney to the American undertakings in British Columbia all prove that American experience with Canadian business men and Canadian statesmen has convinced the Americans that Canada has now acquired a position which will enable her to ask for and secure a more just condition of industrial exchange than has existed in the past. Convinced of this, you now see American capitalists establishing works throughout Canada on a scale that is equal to that of the most successful in the United States, and almost instantly there has been created such an advance in the wage scale of Canada as to have placed her on a par with the United States. The result has had the effect of instantly checking the emigration of Canadian laborers and indeed of attracting laborers from those parts of the United States where the labor market has become congested. This serves the double purpose of benefiting the laborers in the United States and assisting the industrial needs of Canada, so that it should now follow, if my reasoning is proven true, that not alone will the annual outflow of Can-