

We are informed by the Independent press that, on the occasion of the next general election, will be witnessed a most determined attack on the National Policy, and a reason for such forecast readily suggests itself. The Free Trade opposition at the last general election assured the Protectionists that no serious interference with the tariff would ensue in the event of their success. In the light of subsequent events they considered that this insincere pledge was impolitic; and as Napoleon, at Waterloo, in a last vain and despairing effort ordered the Old Guard to advance and save the day—if they could—so it has been determined by the Opposition to mass the remaining Free Trade legions for a last and final rally. Are they likely to be successful? Yes; if our sentinels are found asleep on duty, and our army is intoxicated with the victories already won; but if our advance guard is on the *qui vive* and the grand army of Protectionists and all the reserves are standing shoulder to shoulder, ready for the signal to advance in the formation which has hitherto been found invincible, another decisive victory for Protection will undoubtedly be recorded.

Upon going into battle at Trafalgar the immortal Nelson signaled to every vessel in his fleet, and to every soul on those ships the memorable message "England expects every man to do his duty;" and the result of that battle was, perhaps, the most glorious victory ever achieved by British valor and British ships. In like manner the lovers of Canada and of that policy that protects Canadian industries are appealed to; and the Manufacturers' Association, being organized, invites the co-operation of all those whose views are in accord with their own, and who are willing to assist in battling for industrial freedom and national integrity.

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