

he is going to make you all rich out of the surplus profits of that transaction. (Hear, hear.) Now, I have made some slight calculation as to the result which will follow from adopting this programme, and it is tolerably clear, as you will see, that if we take off the duties of all articles enumerated and also manufacture, as he proposed we should do, and as the party proposes we should do, all the articles which we can produce in this country, it is clear that there can be no revenue from customs duties, at any rate, and it is also tolerably clear that we must pay as high taxes as before, but with this important difference, that whereas at present they go into the treasury to be applied for the purposes of the public welfare, in the other case the same taxes are to be distributed among the favoured company of individuals, and amongst, I suppose, other useful friends to whom Sir John can apply for another ten thousand. . . . I can understand how you would be benefited by the remission of taxes on a sufficiently liberal scale; but I put it to your common sense, how is any individual to become richer by the policy of making him pay 20 cents in the dollar more for everything he consumes, for everything that he wears, for everything that he may use, for ordinary domestic purposes, than at present. (Cheers.) We do not see our way clear to adopt a protective policy, if it were for no other reason than because we believe it would now discord between the various Provinces, and the ultimate result would be to make those who are rich richer, and those already poor far poorer than they are; because we have watched and studied this matter attentively and have done our best to master the state of affairs in the United States; and because we believe that a policy which has been attended with such widespread mischief, which I verily believe has done the people of the United States far more material injury than even the civil war did, is not a policy which a true born Canadian should ever hold up as fit to be the national policy for the people of this country." (Loud and prolonged cheering.)