

them. We were not surprised therefore to see them rewarded, at the close, with a bronze medal, as a memento of the proud position taken by this great Dominion, at the Paris International Postal Congress of 1878.

The advantages of a Commercial Union with the U.S.—When the boundary line, with its army of custom house officers, is swept away, and the United States and Canada are consolidated in one grand commercial union, extending from Mexico to the North pole, then only will our prosperity be secured and made permanent. Commercial intercourse will be unobstructed from the Atlantic to the Pacific, and flow as freely through all parts of the Union as the waters now dividing the two countries make their way to the ocean. Our farmers will not be met at the frontier with prohibitory duties, but will have the same unimpeded access to their markets as is enjoyed by the other States of the Union, with their cereals and everything from a horse and an ox to a chicken and an egg, they may have to dispose of.

Our lumberers will be able to load their own boats with the products of the forests, and proceed on their way to market without being intercepted by Customs Officers demanding duties, and forcing them to unload as soon as they touch the American boundary. Our minerals will also enjoy the same freedom from duties and interruptions, Our manufacturing industries will have a home market of fifty millions of consumers, and share in the trade and advantages of such as may be secured abroad by the federal Government.

Our shipwrights will be set to work to build up a merchant-marine for the Union. Our ocean vessels will be free to the coasting trade of the whole North American seaboard, and partake in the carrying trade of all parts of the world ; and our lake craft will enjoy equal privileges with those of the bordering States. Money will flow into the country ; property all over