

put Branch packing houses here <sup>0.584</sup> about  
 one Castle, sheep & swine; furniture factories  
 to use our hardwoods - flooring &c. Implement  
 branch factories to supply the Maritime trade and  
 in all ways help us to maintain a population  
 here that will be one of her best customers.  
 Under present conditions the market for her  
 goods will be constantly growing less as our  
 population & buying power shrink.

I do not find any annexation (to the U.S.)  
 sentiment - but most people feel that as a  
 Maritime entity - on the same basis as Newfoundland  
 we must have a chance to provide a fiscal system  
 which would develop our country.

Personally I think your proposals for a  
 National policy as expressed by your resolutions  
 may save the day for Confederation & should  
 get a lot of support from thinking Liberals  
 down here, but there is, as you know, such  
 a free trade feeling here, that it may be hard to  
 impress its value for vote getting.

I might say in conclusion that the  
 operation of the Canadian National Railways under  
 their present head is helping to raise the  
 very bitter feeling that exists. There is a