

## *The Fallacy of "Free Food" Exposed*

**National Policy** aimed first of all to benefit the farmer and the workingman. It proposed to benefit them, and it has benefitted them, by causing industries to be built up throughout the country, thus creating a demand for labour, and a home market for the farmer. **This policy has been successful.** It has given the farmer a home market. It has made this half of this northern continent a hive of industry, and it has made the Canadian workingman the most contented, the most happy, and the highest paid in the world. To prove this, it is not necessary to lean upon illusive statistics. We have a certain and infallible proof in the movement of population. Labour never knowingly goes from a place of high wages to a place of low wages. The fact that men of all races, creeds and sects are pouring into this country at an unprecedented rate shows where wages are highest, where opportunity is greatest, and where the standard of living is best. That the leader of a political party that attributes to itself patriotic motives, would strike at the heart of the policy which is responsible for this happiness and prosperity of our people, is almost beyond belief. Yet this is precisely what is meant by the proposed abolition of the tariff on natural products. For there is not a shadow of a doubt that free trade in natural products, would sooner or later be followed by free trade in everything.

### **WHERE THE REAL DANGER LIES TO THE CANADIAN WORKINGMAN.**

Herein lies the danger for the Canadian workingman. Under Free Trade our industries would have to compete with the cheap labour in the factories of Europe, and with low standards of Asiatic and European living. How long could they operate under such conditions? How long would it be before they would be compelled to close their doors? Free Trade theorists in the Liberal party tell us that the National Policy is not responsible for high wages in Canada, because the price of labour is dependent upon the law of supply and demand.