

the successful establishment of the iron industry in other countries, and of the circumstances attending the work already done in Canada, leads to the following conclusions:

First—That the Canadian iron industry has greater and more just claims to the good will and support of the Government and people of Canada than perhaps any other of the great industries of the country. In tobacco, sugar and cotton, splendid progress has been made, yet these industries, whilst of unquestionable benefit to the country, all contribute more or less to the labor of foreign countries, by using raw materials of foreign growth, for which nature has not fitted Canada. The iron industry is altogether different, being purely Canadian from raw material to finished product. Nature has richly endowed Canada with everything that goes to make success in this special line of enterprise. It rests with the Government and the people of the Dominion to foster the industry to a perfect development.

Second—The Dominion Parliament must immediately adopt a course that will give confidence to investors, by demonstrating that the protective tariff and bounty will be well maintained for some time to come. The Government must rectify judiciously any errors that may have arisen, and must seek at least approximately *to grant a uniform protection to labor, in whatever branch of the industry it may be employed*, be it at the mines, furnace, rolling mills, iron foundry or machine shop.

Third—The Provincial Governments must take steps immediately to encourage by every reasonable concession the development of the iron industries now within their respective borders.

In Quebec and Ontario every facility should be granted by the Provincial Governments in the way of privileges for the clearing of hard and soft woods from Crown lands. This course will not only strengthen and build up the charcoal iron industry, but will bring about a rapid settlement of Government lands.

Hitherto settlers have avoided the forest lands of the East, in favor of the more easily cultivated prairies of the West. Establish the Charcoal Iron Industry in Quebec and Ontario, and the settlers will find a sure and profitable return for labor expended in clearing the wood, an inducement that will make