

English manufacturer sink into utter and complete insignificance. If it is true that one part of the British Empire is just as precious to the British Government as another part of it; and if it can be shown that immensely greater profits and earnings can be realized by a liberal policy, as against a penny saved for another part of the Empire by a restrictive policy, then clearly is it the duty of the government to decide in favor of the greatest good to the greatest number, and the largest profit to the largest number affected. Starting at the smallest and most trifling fruits of the orchard and of the garden, through the barn-yard of the farmer, in the eggs and poultry which the Americans absorb to such an extent, the sheep, horses, and cattle, and out into the open fields, producing all the small grains and roots, such as barley, oats, and potatoes, there is hardly any article which the agriculturist of the country, on whom everything now depends, but would have an increased value and an increased possibility of profit. When one recalls the fact that upon the farmer, and upon the farmer alone, depends the success of Canada in its present condition, is it not the supremest folly to sacrifice his interests for a manufacturer three thousand miles away; while the manufacturer himself would be benefitted by the progress in wealth of the one class on whom ability to pay for goods now imported solely depends? But, aside from agricultural products, look at the vast field of development which an open market in the neighboring Republic would give. The forests of timber in Canada are yearly burning and rotting away, and are realizing only partially the great profit which this source of wealth might produce if the duty against Canadian lumber did not exist in the United States. The Canadian lumber dealers alone could almost afford to guarantee British manufacturers against loss for the free admission of lumber into the United States.

MARVELLOUS MINERAL WEALTH.

It is in the marvellous mineral riches of the country, however, that the greatest source of increased wealth would be found, if a development took place therein, which it is believed commercial union with the United States would promote. Canada is one of the richest countries in the world in the matter of iron, and yet her products thus far in her history amount to a mere bagatelle. It is