

of partisans, and possibly, as they hope, might succeed in carrying an election. To all these people the inducement is held out, that they would get more for their work, that the farmers would get more money for their produce, if they would go over to the United States, or make this arrangement with the United States, than they are getting now. And that the monopoly of prosperity which is attributed by the agitators to their employers, will be no longer exclusively with the employers, but will be extended to themselves; and that they then will live better than they do now. I do not believe that the hon. gentleman from Halifax, if he were in power to-morrow, would consent to abandon the National Policy altogether. He might do what the hon. gentleman from York says—he might say that some of those protective duties are excessive, and ought to be reduced. I do not know; I do not understand the subject, but I might be inclined to agree with them as to some of these, and that is a legitimate object for discussion. If they are too large let the Government know it. If they are unnecessarily large, let the people show by their votes, or in some other way, that they think them so, and it is consistent with the policy of the Government to reduce them to a rate sufficient to serve as reasonable protection to the industry affected by them. But if, by this cry of reciprocity, by representations of the decadence of the country, by these representations as to the increased rate of wages and remuneration that the working classes would receive if they had universal reciprocity, hon. gentlemen can succeed in setting that class against the employers to a sufficient extent to secure a majority of votes at the next election, they will, no doubt, turn the Government out. I would give them this credit: that I do not believe they are all actuated by disloyal motives. I do believe, however, that those gentlemen have marked out this line of action for themselves, without considering its effect upon the country itself. It is not patriotic warfare, but they have adopted that line; it is one in which they have not yet been successful, and it is one in which I pray Heaven they will never be successful. I do not propose to detain the House much longer; I just wish to say this: It is an expression of individual opinion; it may be true or it may be false, but I believe it: I believe we have the grandest opportunity of building up a great and prosperous nation that any young country on the face