

the same relation, to all other bodies politic, that the unit does to the particular body politic to which he belongs. This rule must therefore be good for the body politic guided by it in its dealings with other bodies politic. Experience proves that it is as dangerous for the body politic to separate itself from this world co-operation in production, as we know it to be for the civilized individual to do so. All protective tariffs are governmental efforts to separate their people from this world co-operation in production.

International trade indicates the degree to which the nations co-operate with each other in production in spite of these governmental efforts to stop them; and it is worthy of note that such trade increased many hundreds per cent, faster than population immediately after Great Britain led the van in doing to all other Nations as She would have them do to her in regard to their trade policy. That most of the Nations and some of her own colonies have not followed her example in this regard, is so much the worse for them, for it has enabled Great Britain to distance them hopelessly in that which increases the stability of a civilization and adds to the real greatness of a people. i.e. the diffusion of wealth amongst a rapidly increasing proportion of her people, contemporaneous with a vast decrease in poverty and crime. Her wealth has increased about 400 per cent. per annum faster than population since she opened her ports to the world free. All the gold and silver in coin and bullion in the world would not pay the amount the people and governments of other countries now owe the people of Great Britain. Comparatively speaking this asset was a mere trifle in 1842, the year she made her first great move towards free trade.

With the civilized nations in line with Great Britain in regard to their trade policy, the material interests of each would become so closely interlaced with all that war between them would be very improbable and ruinous armaments could be discontinued with safety: "A consummation devoutly to be wished."

Whilst any considerable number of the commercial nations retain the fiscal system of protection, the free trade nations must keep themselves in readiness to repel armed attack, for in a very few years the protectionist nations will be hopelessly bankrupt to the free trade nations, and they (the protectionist nations) may at any moment combine in an attempt to wipe out their financial obligations by conquest. Even in the absence of treaties the free trade nations will be found shoulder to shoulder