

manufacturers of them. If such a stipulation is ratified, the same privilege will be conferred on English manufacturers. Surely they will not fail to take advantage of it when the disadvantages they will labor under will be merely the difference in freight, which will always exist in consequence of two thousand miles of ocean rolling between the two countries—a difference which very slight economy on this side of the water would easily surmount. Shoals of American citizens are passing over to Canada in the summer season, and as we, when in a Continental country, buy our box of cigars, or other cheap product of that country, so American citizens in Canada ransack the various cities and towns for cheap purchases; articles of British manufacture being specially in demand. Our serious advice to our manufacturers is, leave no stone unturned to take the leading position in the Canadian markets when the reciprocity treaty is ratified. Send to the New Dominion the best specimens of your manufacture, and charge the lowest practicable price, because in so doing you will be hastening the downfall of American monopoly, and, by your excellent workmanship and reasonable charges in the smaller markets of Canada, throwing open for yourselves the larger and almost unlimited market of the American Union, and obtaining a foothold there from which, if you act with sustained energy and discretion, you can never be driven."

The Government only, and not the People, was to be consulted.

The editor of the *Sheffield Telegraph* was slightly mistaken when he supposed that American manufacturers would stipulate for the free admission of all or any of the articles he enumerated. Indeed, he was mistaken in supposing that the tactics of the British government, as elucidated by her plenipotentiaries, would permit the American manufacturers to have any voice in the matter, or propose any stipulations on the subject. The cunningly-devised plan of her Majesty's representatives was to negotiate in secret; and have the treaty sent to the Senate for confirmation in the busy, closing hours of the session, before the protest of the American people could be heard. In relation to this so-called treaty of reciprocity one side only was to make propositions and to be heard in argument.

The Direct Appeal of British Ministers to the American Senate and People.

I have here a copy of a pamphlet entitled, "Memorandum of the Commercial Relations, Past and Present, of the British North American Provinces with the United States of America," of which,