

manufacture for Canada, or for any other million-bodied consumer, but formed, situated and supplied as we are by the great hand of the Maker for manufacturing, is it anything to kindle our pride that our politicians have built walls of ugly stones named tariffs, to prevent the spread and "growth of Commerce." Unless the wheels of Nature are turned backward, it is irrevocable that we British Americans, in Acadia, must become a powerful manufacturing people. Our coal and minerals and our fine water communication will ensure us that much: and the day will come when no part of the continent will be able to compete with us. Look at this beautiful blade I carry in my waistcoat pocket. It costs nothing for Birmingham to import the scrap of iron from which that is made. Look at the fine texture of this cloth. It cost the merest trifle to carry the raw material to Manchester. But you would not carry the Coal to the Iron or the Cotton. Besides we are of the hardy race of the North: And manufacturers like "empire comes from the North." Though labor rates at five or six cents per man per day in India, India sends raw cotton, across thousands of miles of treacherous dreary seas, to the foggy islands of Britain to be woven into fabric and carried back in ships to be worn in India. Cotton producing America does the same. Where Coal is in abundance, near the broad ocean highway, thither will throng swift ships to bring the raw material, and hence will they speed to distribute the manufactured article around the globe. Our carrying facilities are naturally perhaps the best in the world. These of themselves — to say nothing of our marvellous Fisheries — if we may judge by Holland and Venice, which, with this sole power of carrying, in the past, became fabulously rich — these of themselves when developed will make us prosperous and illustrious. How will they be developed?

It is an axiom of Political economy that population always follows capital. Just as capital increases or decreases the experience of all history, and the dictates of reason, show that population will increase or decrease. Does Political economy teach us also how we are to procure capital? "A more perfect *knowledge* of the country — says an able writer who sums up the learning of the chiefs in the science of political economy — and more per-