

On both sides the Tariff is treated as a measure of Protection. The addition to the coal duty is Protectionist, being imposed avowedly with the object of compelling Ontario to use Nova Scotian coal. But there is nothing to take the Tariff, as a whole, out of the category of revenue tariffs. An addition to the revenue was imperatively required to fill the deficit produced by an extremely expensive form of government, and by making political railways. An increase of duties, consequently, was inevitable, and recourse must have been had to it whichever party had been in power. The only subject for discussion, therefore, is the scheme of adjustment, and as to this we shall scarcely be in a position to form a satisfactory opinion, until some counter scheme has been propounded on the other side. The weak point of the whole policy, in our own eyes, is the general basis of Isolation on which it rests. It is constructed on the principle of cutting us off, for political purposes, from the continent of which our country is economically a part, instead of obeying the dictates of nature, and embracing the advantages which she has set before us. It condemns Canada anew to the commercial atrophy which such severance inevitably produces, and which is the main cause of her commercial ills, and of the present exodus of her citizens. But the leaders and the organs of both parties are Separatists, and denounce Commercial Union as treason. In that respect they all stand on the same platform, which, if ever the commercial interest of our people should prevail over Anti-American sentiment, will give way alike under them all.

—At last the N. P. wrangle was over, and Mr. Blake, by his notice of resolution to postpone the construction of the railway in British Columbia, gave the signal for the really important debate of the Session. He gave the signal for something else at the same time. The *Globe* had watched in eloquent silence his return to Parliament and his progress towards the leadership of the Opposition. It now came down upon him, with an editorial of impressive length, defending the great national en-