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ADDRESS OF THE BROCKVILLE ASSOCIATION FOR THE ENCOURAGEMENT OF HOME MANUFACTURES,
TO THE INHABITANTS OF THE JOHNSTOWN DISTRICT.

FELLOW COUNTRYMEN,—

Our Country is in a deplorable condition.

With abundance of Wheat, we have no Market for its consumption.

England being about to abolish the duties which she has hitherto levied upon foreign Corn, on the First of February next, its prices will fall lower than it has ever been before.

We owe large sums to Foreign Nations, and the price of our exporting commodity being reduced, how are we to relieve ourselves from our obligations?

It is folly to persist in increasing our production, of the same article at a depreciated value.

In the meanwhile, business of every description is languishing,

Our credit is destroyed.

Our labour is thrown out of employment.

The Public Improvements of our Country are becoming valueless, and Real Estate is now unsaleable at almost any price.

Fellow Countrymen look around!

The Soil of Canada is rich. The land is teeming with mineral wealth. Our water powers are boundless, our means of internal communication unrivaled.

Having all these advantages why should we not use them?

The Neighbouring States with resources no greater than our own, have risen to wealth and greatness.

And why should we not do the same?

In what are we inferior to them? Let those who tell us we cannot rise like them, answer the question why?

Fellow Countrymen!—We have hitherto employed our labour almost wholly in producing Wheat.

But since we cannot obtain remunerative prices for our labour, invested in the production of this commodity, let us turn our attention to the production of other articles in addition to Wheat, of which we stand in need.

Let us endeavour to make for ourselves those articles of comfort and necessity, which we have hitherto bought abroad.

And to do this successfully, we must prevent the Foreign Capitalist, from forcing his productions upon us, to the injury of those who are employed in these pursuits, so necessary for the advancement and well being of the Country.

Say to the People of the United States, and to those of all other lands.

We will not depend upon you for our Clothes, our Carriages, our Furniture, nor for anything else, which we can make ourselves.

We can and will be independent.

You refuse to allow us to send in payments for what we purchase from you, any commodity but Wheat, and those articles of Raw Material, necessary for the supply of your own Factories; and upon these you impose a heavy charge.

We will not give you a privilege, you deny to us.

We will tax your articles as long and as heavily as you tax ours.

Fellow Countrymen!—Pursue this policy, and our soil will yield for Home Consumption at fixed and remunerating prices, more, far more, than it has ever done to support a fluctuating and expensive Foreign Trade.

You will no longer be forced to grow Wheat *alone*, be the prices high or low;—your Cattle, your Garden stuffs, the produce of your Dairies and your Farm Yards, will always find a ready and remunerating Market.

Where you now produce and sell \$500 worth of Wheat, you will produce and sell three times the amount for the supply of the increased and increasing population.

Your Land will rise in value when a ready sale is opened for its products.

The means of Education for your Children, will be placed within your reach, and Peace, Prosperity, and Luxury, will fill the Land.

Listen then not to those who would persuade you that, the objects of Protection, is to raise the Manufacturing interest at your expense.

You cannot prosper without that interest.

Banish your Tailors, your Shoemakers, and your Blacksmiths, if you think you can, and send Wheat to a Foreign Country for your Clothes, your Shoes, and carry your Horses across the River to be Shod.

For these are Manufacturers on a diminished scale, and the same principle applies to both.

It is better for you to give your Brother in Political Rights and Privileges, an opportunity of working for his living than condemn him to steal, starve, or emigrate.

Fellow Countrymen!—We implore you to look carefully to your best interests, and heed not those who would seduce you to your ruin.

We conjure you to banish from your breasts, all feelings of political animosity, and unite cordially, & universally, without reference to political opinions upon other subjects, as has been done elsewhere upon this important question.

BROCKVILLE, 22ND JANUARY, 1849.