

In addition to our canals we have the Grand Trunk Railway, equal to 1,000,000 tons annually, the Great Western equal to a like amount, the Northern Railway the same, so that the total facilities offered by Canada would be little short of *sixty millions* of tons of through freight annually. It remains to be seen whether the full advantage will be taken of those facilities, by a wise and liberal commercial policy, or whether class interest will prevail to the extent of retarding the development of a country, which its advocates declare can produce 400,000,000 bushels of wheat, annually, and all other grain in proportion.

If a liberal reciprocal commerce will be the result of the Detroit Convention, no limitation can be put to the trade arising therefrom. Beneficial as it will be to British North America, it will be many hundred times more so to the Western States, and by giving them the best chance of saving the vast outlay Great Britain yearly makes for food, enable the producer to bear the heavy fiscal burthens a long and severe struggle has entailed on the country.

Whatever the result may be, British North America will go to the Convention without soliciting, as a boon, what her manifold advantages must secure eventually as a matter of interest.