

modities in general are now cheaper or more abundant there than in any country in the world. Even bread, the principle food of mankind, is cheaper there than in many of the protectionist countries that supply her with food stuffs. The people of Canada and the United States pay about 25 per cent. more for their bread than the people of Great Britain.

Political economy teaches governments to guard against committing these outrages against Nature. The aim of its votaries is to get governments to undo the wrong they have done, and adopt the fiscal system it teaches, and thus end the poverty all healthy minds deplore. A science that inspires its votaries with this aim is surely the reverse of dismal.

It is universally acknowledged that the greatest danger that threatens modern civilization is the unequal division of wealth now prevailing.

The startling advance in civilization, indicated by a diffusion of wealth among a rapidly increasing proportion of the population, necessarily entailing a proportionate decrease in the number of poor, and consequently a decrease in crime, in Great Britain, Japan and other countries after they adopted the fiscal system of enlightened self interest the economists teach, i. e. free trade, is proof of the beneficence of that system, and its adaptability to the conditions of any country, at any time. The countries that have adopted free trade have a population equal to about one fourth the human race, By opening their ports free to all nations they have simply done to other countries as they would have other countries do to them. This is a very extensive and practical application of the golden rule; and it is a most significant fact, that the countries which have refused to reciprocate, display with marked distinctness the infallible sign of decaying civilization i.e. the concentration of wealth in fewer hands, involving an increase in the proportionate number of poor, and consequently an increase in crime.

It will be acknowledged by all, that the golden rule is a good rule for the guidance of the individual unit of the body politic in his dealings with his fellow units. In the grand scheme of world wide co-operation in production, for which Nature has designed mankind and the earth, and to which we as units take as naturally as to our mothers milk; the body politic or nation as a whole bears