

importation of the manufactured product. (Applause). When they allow the manufactured product to enter the United States as freely as the raw material then there is reciprocity, and I ask nothing better for Canada; as a pulp manufacturer, as a ferro-nickel manufacturer, as a sulphuric acid manufacturer, in all of these different lines I ask no favors from any American manufacturer; let him have all the raw materials he can get in Canada, and I am perfectly willing to meet him in the American markets, if it were not for the duty; but I assert that it is entirely unfair that products only procurable from the mines and forests of Canada should be allowed to go free into the United States to enable the manufactured result of that raw material to control the American market and to meet the Canadian manufacturer in the European markets. I call that unfair. (Applause).

Mr. M. C. Ellis said he had very much pleasure in moving a hearty vote of thanks to Mr. Clergue. He was quite sure that as Mr. Clergue had demonstrated what had been done in Northern Ontario, and the broad lines on which it had been achieved, they had all received an amount of instruction which they had not thought of before. He was very glad to hear that there were people who could refine nickel in Canada. For that reason he was delighted to know that there was to be a refinery in our own country. It showed the wide possibilities in this country.

Mr. D. R. Wilkie, in seconding the motion said that he had personal opportunity to know the work being done at Sault Ste. Marie was simply marvellous. It showed the wonderful confidence which Mr. Clergue and his friends had in this country. The country owed them the deepest debt of gratitude. If we wanted men to come over from the United States, Germany or Europe, we must encourage them. If they wanted any encouragement they should get it, whether it was from the Legislature or anybody else. (Applause).

The motion was put and carried unanimously.

In reply Mr. Clergue said—I thank you, gentlemen, very much for these kind sentences. I am sure this reception has given me a great deal of happiness, a great deal of pleasure, and I now want to add one word of invitation, whenever any gentlemen from the Board of Trade find their way toward Lake Superior, they must find the way to the Blockhouse, where the latch-string will be out. (Cheers).

Toronto, April 2nd, 1900.