

sugar industry and of chemical factories. Besides, by strict and powerful tariff regulations she infused life into all branches of industry, so that at present she supplies most articles herself which ten or fifteen years ago were imported, and she is now enabled to relinquish the high tariff rates. The success of Russia in that respect is most astonishing, especially in consideration of her difficulties in abolishing serfdom, and the comparatively insufficient education of her working classes.

Of all other nations, however, our neighbors have been most successful, and whether their government anticipated the result or acted merely instinctively and under pressure of their industrials, the fact that they have emancipated themselves most thoroughly by the adherence to their strict protective system, remains the same. Although not sympathizing with certain characteristics of Americans in general, we do not hesitate to pronounce that, leaving abstract sciences and arts out of consideration, our neighbors now stand at the head of modern progress, and have become the most important industrials of the world.

With such energetic neighbours it remains a mystery, why the contagious spirit of competition has not entered more into Canada, why hardly in one branch of industry we are their equals, and why we are utterly helpless to follow in their wake.

To prove that our neighbours have made such enormous advances and have outdone Europeans, is