

their manufacture in the land where those duties are levied. Theory and practice do not always agree, and the most obvious result of the barring out of foreign and old-country merchandise appears to be the production in the newer land of goods of inferior quality at enhanced price.

When seeking to make "tariff reformers" realise that Free Trade benefits communities far more than does Protection, the advocates of the latter doctrine will sometimes point to the United States, where Protection is the law of the land, as an example deserving of imitation, and say that what is good for that country—which good is more than doubtful—ought to be good for the Dominion. But that does not follow. In size the Republic, vast but compact, nearly equals Europe; and, owing, in great measure to her many different climatic conditions, possesses far more variety of products than does Canada, and is therefore less dependent on other nations. Within her wide borders she enjoys absolute Free Trade, no protective barrier limiting intercourse between any one State and every other fellow State in the Union. Canada also is vast, though where she is at her widest lies a huge region which Nature has made fitter for habitation by polar bears than by average human beings. Thus the boast that she possesses a larger acreage than the United States counts for little. She too trades freely throughout the sister provinces, but she lacks her neighbour's climatic conditions, and needs many things from the other side the boundary line which she is unable to produce.

A glance at the map shows that the two countries are actually but one, and that unrestricted trade relations would be advantageous to both, but especially to Canada, whose provinces are somewhat loosely knit because so widely outspread.

In the now distant days when a more enlightened commercial policy prevailed, Canada was sometimes described as a "happy land" wherein people of small or moderate means could dwell in comparative comfort. That character is deserved no longer. Can it not be won again?