

# Commercial Courtship and Unselfish Union.

A BURLETTA "TALE OF THE BORDERS."

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SCENE :—*The green sward in front of a Border Customs House.  
Niagara Falls in the background.*

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## CHARACTERS.

MISS CANADA ..... *A buxom belle.*

MR. SAM SLICK ..... *A smart commercial pioneer.*

MR. JOHN BULL ..... *A jolly old boy from the "old countree."*

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SAM.

Hail, Canada! How do you do?

I've been learning a ditty on purpose for you.

(*Sings "Star Spangled Banner."*)

I say, can you see by the dawn's early light  
Any signs of the good time of which I've been dreaming,  
When our tiffs and our tariffs will all be set right,  
And our sell-fishy fish-folk will cease from blaspheming?  
Can't we jine in house-keeping? I love you right hard,  
And I'll give you my nutmegs and notions and lard.  
Oh, say, is it worth it, this Custom-House shave?  
Should a friend of the free be a Tariff-tied slave?