

United States and Canada. Their cause was a losing one. The Canadian people were too wide-awake to be caught by the glittering inducements held out by the promoters of the scheme. The manufacturers would not consent to a policy which struck at the foundation of our commercial interests. (Applause.)

MAYOR BICKFORD'S ADDRESS.

Mayor Bickford, Dundas, also spoke to the toast. He said :—Things went from bad to worse till Sir John Macdonald went into power on the protective policy. He spoke of the success which he had noticed in Dundas since, and said it was a fair indication of the general prosperity of the country. He had travelled through Wentworth, and he was sure he would be borne out in saying that the farmers and farm houses there compared favorably with any in England. (Applause.)

The Chairman referred in eulogistic terms to the forethought and ability displayed by Messrs. John Gordon, Isaac Buchanan and John McLean, whose efforts contributed so materially to bring about the existence of the N.P. (Applause.)

MANUFACTURES AND COMMERCE.

Mr. John Bertram proposed the toast of "Manufactures and Commerce."

"In life's earnest battle they only prevail,
Who daily march onward and never say fail."

He said he had come out from Scotland when very young and could speak of the wonderful progress of the country as he had noticed it. Manufactures were then in a state of the most helpless infancy, but at the present day he was surprised, in face of the evidence he saw, that any man could be found to speak in a disparaging tone of Canada.

The toast was duly honored.