

tries of the Dominion. *I say the preferential tariff has hit the woollen trade hardest of all.* Other industries of Canada, say, furniture, pianos, organs, agricultural implements, boots and shoes, may not have been so hit, but suppose a preference at $33\frac{1}{3}$ per cent. had been given to the United States, their greatest competitor, how would it not have imperilled, if not extinguished their industries. Such, however, is the hard case of the woollen industry, against which they are making a gallant though up-hill fight, under great discouragement.

Now gentlemen, I am in great hopes that with a Government in power at Ottawa that are realizing the beneficial and wise policy of granting favorable concessions in grants of free lands to settlers in the West, and also in giving all encouragement to the steel and iron and mining industries, both by bounties and concessions, I say I am in great hopes they will see their way clear in some practical way also to help one of the oldest industries in the Dominion and set it on the road to a deserved prosperity.

Of course, there is the sentiment of loyalty. Now, in loyalty to the Mother Country, I stand second to no man living. I have taken the oath of allegiance as a volunteer when fear of invasion stirred the manhood of my native land, and have had the honor

of being presented to the illustrious Sovereign, her late Majesty; so that in what tends to the unity, extension and strengthening of the Empire, I am with you heart and soul.

Although for Imperial federation, neither the hour nor the man has come.

But when the Rose and expectancy of this fair State, the observed of all observers, with his future Queen passed through on his world-tour, my heart swelled with emotion to see the spontaneous ebullition of loyal feeling that on all sides gave them warm and welcome greetings.

But whilst we are all sincerely loyal, that does not mean that Canadian interests are to be sacrificed to that of the Mother Country, and I am sure the Government of Great Britain does not wish it either. What Britain wants to see and what you want to see is on this side a great, a growing dependency filling up with a population of our own tongue and breed, and retaining your own sons and people under the proud flag of the Maple and Union Jack.

Then should storms ever arise around our much loved Isle, a population increased by wise legislation to ten millions, will form the pride and glory of the Empire, and such a buttress as will keep her where she now is, the head of the nations of the world and the Mistress of the Seas.

