

Again, the Post office of Canada yields a net revenue of \$60,000, while ours has always shown a large, though gradually diminishing, deficiency. Nova Scotia, therefore, has both a larger revenue and a larger expenditure per head than Canada—a fact which could not happen were the taxation of the latter Province much higher than that of the former, except on the supposition that the people of Canada are poorer, and do not consume exciseable articles to nearly the same extent—a position which can scarcely be granted.

I think it has been made tolerably clear from the above that, taking into account the population, the extent, the debts and revenues of the respective Provinces, no just complaint can be made by any one. Justice has been meted out not only equally, but judiciously, and if there is any leaning at all, that leaning is, as it ought to be, towards the smaller and the weaker parties.

THE BENEFITS TO BE REALISED.

It is impossible, then, to deny that what may be called the commercial terms of the Union are perfectly fair, and when we consider our position and the character of our resources, which this Union will develop, we are bound in all honor to confess that they are eminently favorable. The resources of Canada, which are principally those of the field and forest, are already largely developed; and she seeks to expand them still further and secure herself, in case of hostility, by having access by railway to the Atlantic Ocean. For this end she seeks to build the Intercolonial Railroad, to make common cause with the Lower Provinces, and identify her interests with theirs. Our resources on the other hand have lain dead, from want of means and opportunity to realise them. Both the means and the opportunity will now be afforded. Our internal railway system will be completed without delay, and a great highway will be opened, beginning at Halifax, and stretching across New Brunswick into Canada, and connecting with the United States railways. Interprovincial tariffs will disappear, and in this way the market of the large Province will be thrown open, free and uncontrolled to the enterprise of the smaller.

The oneness of the Confederacy will direct skill and capital to the most available points; and these, or the most prominent