

value of the agricultural land and farm stocks of the other Provinces is very great, the manufacturing, ship-building and trading interests concentrate there, and have been built up by the ability, industry and energy of the business men of Belfast and its neighbourhood, with the result that the Province which has the fewest natural advantages, and which at one time was the poorest in Ireland is now probably the most wealthy. The linen industry centres in Belfast, the finest ship-building yards, not only in the Kingdom but in the world, are there, the temperance drinks made in Belfast have as wide a reputation as Guinness' Stout or the Bitter of Bass, and the tobacco industry gives employment to many people. The Red Hand of Ulster on the flag of the Head Line is well known in Canadian and other ports, and the coasting passenger and freight steamboat service is unrivalled.

The Government, realizing the impossibility of coercing Ulster, has recently declared it will not do so, and proposed to put the Home Rule Bill into immediate force for such parts of Ireland as show a majority in its favor, giving any county the option of voting itself out of its operation. This would involve not only the division of Ireland,