

# THE ROAD TO WASHINGTON.



**I**F two firms, one twelve times as big as the other, decide to do business in the same field, and the smaller firm undertakes that its policy shall be agreeable to the larger, how soon will it become a mere subsidiary of its competitor? And, having become subsidiary, how long will it take the larger to absorb the smaller?

The Reciprocity Agreement now before Parliament, arranged at the instigation of the United States, by two members of the Canadian Government, will create an exactly parallel international situation, which is clearly recognized in the United States by public men and periodicals everywhere.

It is intended to attach Canadian trade to United States interests, so that there shall be no difference between them; and to detach Canadian trade interests from Britain, so as to prevent the commercial consolidation of the British Empire. Let these two things be accomplished and the political union of Canada with the United States will be inevitable.

## WOULD SAVE U. S. FORESTS.

President Taft wants the natural resources of Canada, commercial union with Canada, and the commercial disunion of the Empire. Sending the agreement to Congress he wrote:—

"Ought we not, then, to arrange a commercial agreement with Canada if we can, by which we shall have direct access to her great supply of natural products? They are coming to the parting of the ways. Should we not now, therefore, before their policy has become too crystallized and fixed for change, \* \* \* greatly increase the natural resources available to our people? \* \* \* By giving our people access to Canadian forests, we shall reduce the consumption of our own, which, in the hands of comparatively few owners, now have a value that requires the enlargement of our available timber resources.