

that their presence would be either to the advantage of Canada or the United States. The great majority of those American settlers are good citizens, but they have great powers of assimilation, and are, first, last and always, Americans. The removal of the duty on certain Canadian productions, and they would readily put certain of our products on the free list, which would be disastrous for the Western farmer; for instance, if they put wheat on the free list, our No. 1 Hard would be ground in the United States.

A competent committee or commission to make the necessary inquiries, and make a complete report, concise, put in book form, for the use of Government Legislators, they would be in a position to deal with any matter that came before the House concerning the Northwest more intelligently than they are at present.

The people of the older Provinces have provincial or sectional ideas; the people of the West are for a United Dominion and the Empire; and they want their utterances to be taken seriously. They do not charge the older Provinces of endeavoring to be unfair to the West, but at times think it possible. They have not made any special efforts to study the West, in order that Canadian interests as a whole might