

Free Trade reduces the cost of production to the lowest possible point. The result is that Great Britain can sell her products at a profit in all protectionist countries in spite of high tariffs. It is her ability to do this that rouses the ire of the monopolists and manufactures throughout the protectionist World, for it not only prevents them obtaining from the consumers of their own countries the monopoly price protection promised, but it forces them to sell their protected and bonused products at a loss in neutral markets.

It is no wonder therefore, that the beneficiaries under protection, wherever fostered, propagate dislike of the country that stands between them and the ultimate gain they anticipated from the imposition of high tariffs.

It has been said with good reason, that Great Britain is the most universally hated country in the World. This is no doubt the prevailing sentiment in protectionist countries, as we know it to be in slave holding countries. u

Public opinion as reflected in the utterances of representative men and the press of the various sections of the Empire, will reveal the significant fact, that it is only in those divisions, where the advocates of protection are striving to perpetuate it, that any desire to separate from the Empire is apparent. In Jamaica and other protectionist portions of the West Indies, political union with the United States is openly advocated. A few years ago the same was true of Canada. In 1891 the people were pretty evenly divided on a measure which had in all human probability,