

as possible, then to buy as largely from those who buy from their as they possibly can, consistent with buying right. We have nothing to gain by seeking to expand our trade with the United States under existing conditions or with any other country that meets us with a tariff. The proper method is to apply the same tariff on imports from a foreign country that they enforce against us, raw materials not produced in Canada being excepted. If France charges a general duty of 25 per cent. on imports of manufactures from Canada, then the duty on similar goods entering Canada from France should be the same. If the United States tariff averages 50 per cent. against us, then we should raise our tariff to correspond with it identically. We cannot offer free trade to Great Britain, as that would mean direct taxation for the support of the public service of the country, but we can offer a minimum rate of duty. For a quarter of a century Canada has been sending her people across the boundary line into the United States to reside there. This was because we had not sufficient employment at home to provide for the natural growth of our population. Recent years has changed this. There is still emigration from eastern Canada to the States but that is more than offset by the large number of Americans who have taken up land and become permanent settlers in western Canada. Having stopped the flow of Canadian population into the States it is the imperative duty of the government of Canada to check the flow of Canadian gold. We want all of that commodity we have for the development of Canada, and instead of paying away to the United States the profits we make on our trade with the rest of the world Canadians should so arrange their fiscal policy to retain this money for the further