

# THE TRADE QUESTION!

What is the Matter? What the Remedy?

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Is there anything wrong with the Government of this country and its trade relations, or is the country in itself defective? Ontario is admittedly as fertile as if not more productive than any State in the Union. Our timber is in bountiful supply and most excellent in quality. Our fisheries are the best on both coasts, Atlantic and Pacific. Nova Scotia and British Columbia abound in coal. Our other minerals are comparatively easy of access and most valuable. Our waterways are of the best, and we have spent lavishly on their improvement. Water power is plentiful and unsurpassed. We have an immense territory open to settlement with free lands. We have had the benefit during the past decade of the expenditure of immense sums of money in railroad building and other efforts to secure population and trade. And yet in ten years our increase of population in Ontario, Quebec and the Maritime Provinces is less by 100,000 than the increase in the one State of Michigan adjoining and is not half the increase in several of the other States.

## INCREASE IN TEN YEARS.

New York.....	898,000	Ontario.....	186,000
Pennsylvania.....	966,000	Quebec.....	129,000
Nebraska.....	604,000	Manitoba, the North-	} 178,000
Minnesota.....	520,000	west and British	
Ohio.....	468,000	Columbia.....	
Michigan.....	453,000	Nova Scotia, New Bruns-	} 10,209
Massachusetts.....	450,000	wick and Prince Ed-	
Kansas.....	427,000	ward Island.....	
Washington State.....	350,000		
California.....	340,000		