

the French Government with regard to ship-building alone? We have not advanced a single step, and at that rate how many centuries will it take the whole influence of the British Empire to get through the full list of our prohibited articles, not only with France, but with every nation in the world?

Let us not be deluded any longer by what we will politely call *diplomatic* delays, which are nothing else than an imposition on the innocence and good nature of a confiding people. Let us remember that the commercial policy of the British nation must be to keep for herself the whole trade of her colonies, and to discourage rather than foster colonial manufactures, for she knows full well that, under the most favored nation clause, our foreign trade would be a serious competition to her own, in a number of Canadian specialties. In the interest of the Empire, as well as of Canada, political and commercial independence is the only practical solution to the situation. It is not in the interest of the Empire that ruin and depression should reign supreme through the length and breadth of the land, that every Canadian interest should be jeopardised through our colonial position, till every man in the country should look to annexation to the United States as the only remedy to existing evils.

Canada for the Canadians.—If you look over the Parliamentary Companion you will see that the majority of the members of the Dominion Parliament, as well as of the Local Legislatures, are Canadian born. As the years lengthen and the older members go over to the great majority, the young men of to-day, who are coming to the front and taking an active part in the discussion of public questions, will fill the places occupied by men from over the water, and by-and-by the Canadian Legislatures will be truly and thoroughly Canadian, and will look at all matters affecting this country from the national point of view. As it is at present, there are in the House of Commons men from another continent, who cannot be expected—nor would