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"Of all the many objections to protection, the capital one is this :
that it taints every source of public life in the country in
which it exists."—LORD ROSEBURY, 1903

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"In my own country I have witnessed the insatiable growth of that form of state socialism styled protection, which I believe has done more than any other single cause to foster class legislation and create inequality of fortune, to corrupt public life, to banish men of independent mind and character from the public councils, to lower the tone of national representation, blunt public conscience, create false standards in the popular mind, to familiarise it with reliance on state aid and guardianship in private affairs, divorce ethics from politics, and place politics upon the low level of a mercenary scramble."

THOMAS F. BAYARD, United States Minister
in London, 1893-1897, at Edinburgh, November 7, 1895.

"When the law compels me to contribute my just quota to the support of the Government, that is taxation; but when it compels me to contribute to the support of private enterprise, that is robbery."

Platform of the Patrons of Industry,
Brandon, Manitoba, 1892.

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TO THE MEN AND WOMEN OF
THE PRAIRIE PROVINCES

who in the last thirty years have added the fair
expanse of country between the Great Lakes and
the Rocky Mountains to the area of service and of
civilisation within the Dominion of Canada, to the
men and women who, like George Hearst, "plain,
honest man and good miner," are taking their wealth
from the earth, and, in taking it, "filch from no
man's store and lessen no man's opportunity,"

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PREFACE

FOR thirty years I have been a student of the working and history of representative institutions, and it has been my fortune to have had exceptional opportunities for this life-long study in England, the United States and Canada. I approach the study from the standpoint of a strong and convinced believer in democracy. If it should be objected that in these pages, as in my earlier book on protection in Canada, there is some plain speaking—some description of political conditions as I have found them—I should like it kept in mind that I write in the strong conviction that better conditions for all classes have followed the extension of democracy in England and in the British oversea Dominions.

Democracy in Canada could be more untrammelled than democracy in England or in the United States. There is no constitutional barrier to democracy in Canada. There is no House of Lords, and Canada has no such rigid constitution as the United States. Nowhere in the English-speaking world might democracy have had a freer field than in the Dominion of Canada. But, as the history of the last hundred years abundantly shows, special and peculiar perils attend democracy in all new and developing countries. Many social and economic advantages there undoubtedly are in a new country that has never had to wrest its political, economic, and social freedom from the Old Feudalism. But a developing country, with most men intent on their own material and social advancement, grasping