

6. This is a manufacturing country and upon the continuance of our manufactures in a healthy and stable condition our greatness as a nation depends and must continue to depend.

7. We cannot contemplate this country if reduced to trading and finance being able to support a population of 46 million people. Under such circumstances it would with difficulty support 18 millions.

8. These facts are elementary, and it might be thought that the first care of our legislators, keeping these facts in mind, would be to frame their policy in the direction of the conservation and development of industry, or, at least, to refrain from impeding industrial development.

9. So far from this being the case it must be realised that for the last two decades sentiment and sentimentalism rather than reason have been the mainspring of domestic policy.

10. The industrial ignorance of political parties in this country, and the readiness with which they have from political motives added to the burdens on industry, is illustrated by the fact that during the last 40 years social burdens have increased by about **1,500 per cent.**

11. In vain have protests been made as to the inevitable result of such a course; in vain has it been urged that the cumulative effect of such burdens and their accompanying administrative expenses must sooner or later result in a declining industry and a bankrupt Treasury.

12. It is indeed time that we faced facts. Democracy instead of being bribed by promises and benefits must be told the truth.

13. The passion for making royal roads for everyone from the cradle to the grave must give place to the consideration that in a well ordered State, the conception of the State as a fairy godmother is a fundamental fallacy.

14. The prosperity of a people depends on their own exertions and the measure of that prosperity must govern any State benevolence.

15. The example set by the State in the matter of extravagance has served as an encouragement to local authorities.

16. Such extravagance, national and local, is draining the country of money and is engendering in the people a feeling of false security which is being translated into apathy.