

The committee believe that its special or temporary objects are also worthy of commendation and support. Uncertainty in our customs tariff, can not fail to materially effect the general interests of the country. In checking interprise and reducing values, its effect must be most pernicious.

The merchant who purchased his stock, and the manufacturer his machinery, under a tariff of twenty per cent, suffers a reduction in the value thereof, the former five, and the latter twenty per cent by the recent change; while the dread of continual fluctuation causes both to circumscribe, instead of extending their operations.

In arranging customs duties, the Association desires that such discrimination should be made as will encourage Canadian production.

*It seeks no such protection as exists in the United States*, believing either extreme, the drouth or the deluge, to be equally prejudicial. Its policy is moderation—and the restoration of the recent tariff, so far as Canadian interests are concerned, is its standard of moderation.

In a word, its aim is to elevate the character of manufacture and production, to foster and encourage these as a reward to individual interests, and through such remuneration to secure a more general prosperity.

The agencies to accomplish this end are defined in article five of the constitution, and to this committee is entrusted their application.

The proper and effectual adaptation of these, require strength in membership and money, and to obtain these great essentials, is the immediate object of this action of the committee. Both are requisite to ensure success, and the endurance of the organization can only be secured by their liberal acquisition. If then, as the committee hope, the objects of the Association commend it to your approval and interests, they herewith invite your earnest co-operation.

Application to the secretary, with remittance of the initiation fee and annual subscription (after the manner of the prescribed form) secures membership.

The terms of subscription were designedly made small, in order that the Association might be alike accessible to the humblest artisan as to the wealthy proprietor.

But these alone will not suffice to accomplish its purposes, therefore your attention is urgently directed to the necessity for voluntary contributions. An appropriate resolution to this effect is herein contained,