

well worth perusal. The question is of course no easy one. Our manufacturing interests have to be conserved, for panic would seize on commercial circles if there were any danger of sudden change in our protective system; and then, again, there are considerations of revenue, imperative in their demands; but notwithstanding all these, there seem to exist no reasons whatever why practical steps should not be immediately taken to ascertain what there is in the project that would be of benefit and that would be practicable. Great Britain is an importer of vast quantities of agricultural products, and it is manifestly a matter of the greatest consequence to Canada that she should supply what Great Britain wants to the largest extent possible. Whether legislation can in any way aid in bringing about this result, or whether it can only proceed gradually from continuous efforts on the part of Canadian producers to lessen the cost of production and to suit their products to the market they seek, is a matter that the representatives at the Trade Congress would do well to consider.

Among the birthday honors of this year I learn that Canada will not be forgotten, as she apparently was last year. The veteran Premier of the Dominion will be included in the list to be submitted shortly by Lord Salisbury to Her Majesty. Mr. Abbott well deserves this high honor, for during his long life he has served his Queen and country well. He took the Premiership at a crucial period in Canada's history, and, despite his age, has moved with so much energy that his Government to-day stands stronger than a Conservative Government has stood for years. Mr. Abbott is a safe man, a good captain, and a devoted, patriotic statesman. The title of Knight Commander of the most distinguished Order of St. Michael and St. George will be bestowed on worthy shoulders when it is conferred on him. On that question all Canada will agree. Mr. Abbott is a brother of Mr. Henry Abbott, superintendent of the Pacific division of the C. P. R., who is a resident of Vancouver.

A gentleman well known in Victoria banking circles, said to me the other day: "Every one may not know that the Bank of England notes are made

from new white linen cuttings—never from anything that has been worn." So carefully is the paper prepared that even the number of dips into the pulp made by each workman is registered on a dial by machinery, and the sheets are counted and booked to each person whose hands they pass. They are made at Laverstroke on the River Whit, in Hampshire, England, by a family named Pontal, descending from a French Huguenot refugee, and have been made by the same family for more than 150 years. They are printed within the building of the Bank of England, there being an elaborate arrangement for making them, so that each note of the same denomination shall differ in some particular from the other.

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VICTORIA BUSINESS INDEX.

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