

policy was the best policy that could be promulgated for Canada, they say that we have adopted it, yet they find fault with what this government has done, and criticise us severely. If their contention is correct, if the present government is carrying out the best policy for Canada, why should these hon. gentlemen find fault? If the prosperity that Canada is enjoying at the present time is due to the old national policy as claimed by hon. gentlemen opposite, why did it not bring prosperity to Canada under the reign of hon. gentlemen while they held the reigns of power? If it is the Conservative policy, then the government in power is to be congratulated for carrying it into effect, because hon. gentlemen failed to enforce it in such a way as to bring prosperity to Canada.

When the Fielding tariff was introduced in 1897, hon. gentlemen declared in this House that the Liberal policy would mean ruin and wreck to the manufacturing industries of Canada. It was not the policy of hon. gentlemen opposite then, but it was found to work successfully, when it infused new life into the business enterprise of Canada, stimulated agricultural interests, turned a time of depression into a time of prosperity and has been a success in every respect. Now hon. gentlemen opposite lay claim to this policy and ask it to be christened a child of the old father, of the national policy. In comparing the tariff of the present government, or the Fielding tariff, with the Foster tariff, you will find that great reductions were made, and thereby millions of dollars were saved to the taxpayers of Canada. Figures are very dry and uninteresting to listen to, but in order to show some of the savings to the people of Canada between the present tariff and the tariff of hon. gentlemen opposite for last year, I will be compelled to use a few figures as follows:

Comparative reductions between the tariff of the late government and the tariff of the present government.

Article.	Present tariff.	Old tariff.
Indian corn	Nil.	\$549,977
Binder twine.....	Nil.	102,300
Barbed fencing wire.....	Nil.	126,885
Galvanized iron or steel wire, Nos. 9, 12 and 13 gauge.....	Nil.	42,980
Cream separators	Nil.	45,000
Seed beans from Britain.....	Nil.	15
Rape seed, sowing.....	Nil.	

Agricultural Implements.

Article.	Present tariff.	Old tariff.
Farm, road or field rollers.....	\$ 40	\$ 56
Forks, pronged	2,753	3,858
Hay tedders	1,163	1,628
Hoes	772	1,093
Knives of hay or straw.....	26	36
Manure spreaders	140	175
Post-hole diggers	48	68
Potato diggers	73	107
Rakes, n.e.s.	1,226	1,716
Scythes and snaths, sickles or reaping hooks	8,258	11,994

Article.	Present tariff.	Old tariff.
	\$	\$
Spades and shovels, and spade and shovel blanks, and iron or steel cut to shape for same....	8,865	10,851
All other agricultural implements, n.e.s.	5,409	7,616
Wind-mills	3,926	4,711
Threshers and separators.....	17,934	21,521
All other portable machines....	11,367	15,974

Iron and Steel Manufactures.

Wire fencing, woven, and wire fencing of iron and steel, n.e.s.	3,395	6,524
Stoves	31,693	34,915
Axes	10,353	14,494
Saws	23,146	25,288
Files and rasps, n.e.s.	22,224	26,876
Tools, hand or machine, of all kinds, n.o.p.	142,966	171,746
Table cutlery, n.o.p.	47,212	64,616
Nails and spikes, cut.....	4,554	6,942
Nails, wire, of all kinds, n.o.p...	2,330	3,884
Butts and hinges.....	5,104	5,565
Sleighs	1,487	1,785
Cart or wagon skeins or boxes..	239	321

Miscellaneous Articles.

Coal oil	\$424,888	\$509,866
Collars of all kinds.....	18,268	33,346

Woollen Manufactures.

Blankets	\$ 11,582	\$ 15,906
Cassimeres	35,284	42,786
Cloths	388,156	467,565
Coatings	144,961	182,747
Overcoatings	2,452	3,006
Tweeds	141,936	171,324
Flannels	18,337	21,501
Knitted goods, including knitted underwear	65,456	74,230
Shawls	18,737	19,682
Shirts	10,689	12,349
Socks and stockings	177,722	265,762
Undershirts and drawers.....	22,563	25,411
All fabrics and manufactures, n.e.s.	971,037	1,022,005
Clothing, ready-made, and wearing apparel	313,052	351,491
Hosiery	5,714	7,233
Carpet, tapestry	127,451	143,130
Carpet, 2-ply and 3-ply.....	6,280	7,856

Cotton Manufactures.

White or bleached fabrics.....	\$105,735	\$122,217
Fabrics, printed, dyed or coloured	901,035	940,266
Handkerchiefs	44,093	48,147
Shirts, other	8,679	10,945
Sewing thread on spools.....	59,395	71,004
Clothing	105,996	109,235
Socks and stockings	25,362	34,417
Towels	7,777	8,303
Velvets, velveteens and plush fabrics	53,036	66,987

Flax, Hemp and Jute Manufactures.

Carpeting, rugs, matting and mats of hemp or jute.....	\$ 30,496	\$ 38,459
Damask of linen	86,850	93,068
Handkerchiefs	35,425	38,941
Linen, brown or bleached.....	10,509	17,296
Linen thread.....	22,136	22,775
Shirts of linen	1,606	1,989

On bituminous coal there has been a saving of \$157,000; on coal oil, \$85,000; on Indian corn, \$550,000; on iron and steel manu-