

have in Ontario a pretty heavy burden to meet in this respect, inasmuch as out of the \$961,893 duty paid on bituminous coal that we import into Canada, we have no less a sum to pay in Ontario in the shape of duty, than \$901,966. I think that considering the difficulties under which our manufacturers now labour, considering also the changes that have taken place with reference to the raw material, considering that their protection has been reduced, while perhaps no corresponding reduction has been made in the raw material; it would be well worthy the consideration of the Government to consider fully if some material change cannot be made in the duty on this article. I cannot by any means call the tariff perfect as a whole, but the principle which underlies it is one which commends itself to me and therefore I have no hesitation whatever in giving my vote in favour of the tariff, as opposed to the principle of absolute free trade announced in the amendment of the hon. member for South Oxford (Sir Richard Cartwright). I feel this: That lower priced labour could compete with our labour, whether that lower priced labour is in

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the form of imported goods or imported Chinamen. My desire has been to see grow up in this country a race of workmen worthy of the position of freemen. We are at present trying in this country, the experiment, whether under God's favour, with the blessings of religion and education and free government and unbounded resources, we can have a country where every man will be born to the possibility that he can rise to a life of culture, and not be condemned from his birth to a life of unending, mechanical toil or hopeless drudgery for the mere comforts and necessities of existence. That is the prayer of our party. That is the reason why we desire to give such full protection to labour. That is the reason why we desire to see, if possible, this country a cheap country to live in and a country in which every man will find sufficient for the comforts and culture of life. I hope that our friends of the Liberal party may take a broader and more patriotic view of the situation and join hands in securing such comforts as the necessities of modern civilization demand for our workingmen.