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PROTECTION VICTORIES I NAUSTRALIA

The following Melbourne correspondence to the London Times gives a picture of colony of Victoria very analogous to that of our own, and shows that our recent arguments in reference to protection in new countries are fully borne out by the experience of the larger and more prosperous colony alluded to.

The general election for the Assembly is nearly over. With very few exceptions the Government candidates have been returned. The elections also for the Legislative Council have resulted in avowed Government supporters taking the places of former members retiring by rotation under the Constitution Act, and who have now paid for their late obstructiveness to the Government Land policy by the loss of their seats when seeking re-election. Three principal demands have been made of candidates during these contests: first, that they should support the now proposed Land Bill, a sketch of which I gave you in my last letter; secondly, a reform of the constitution of the Upper House by reducing the property qualification of elected and electors by one half, in conformity with the increased value of money; and thirdly, a revision of our tariff, to secure as much protection to colonial manufactures as may be involved in shifting our present duties, in whole or in part, from tea, coffee, and sugar, to such and foreign manufactures as we can produce in the colony. The Chief Secretary, Mr. McCallloch, has announced this policy, which will be proposed early in the coming session.

I have in my later letters informed you of the growing cry here for "Protection to colonial industry." Without denying the general soundness of the argument in favor of Free Trade, it is inapplicable to the circumstances of a young country the industries of which are as yet nascent and undeveloped; that an industry must be nursed until it can run alone; that unless encouraged by duties on imports, an infant industry like this can never have manufactures at all; that our natural advantages will admit of our successfully producing many things which we now import, if we can only once get a start; and that this start can be best effected by the aid of duties. Mr. John Stuart Mill, and American, Russian, and Indian precedents all ways quoted for this position, and even the goldfields' constituencies—whose industries cannot be protected at all, are now converts to it, and are "loud for Protection as the rest. If the miners are told that Protection would only raise the price of their picks and shovels, broys and shoes and general clothing, while the purchasing power of their gold must remain the same as before in the general market of the world, these people at once say that this might be the first result of Protection, but that competition in the colony would soon bring down prices, that new industries must be found for our youth, and that as in England and other countries, these new industries can only be established in the mode contended for. The people here see hundreds of boys about the streets; they see, also, that two or three hundred lads and men are employed in M. Pott's tobacco and cigar manufactory, which could never have come into existence but for our duty on imported tobacco and cigars, and thus our Protectionists at once infer that the whole of the new industry is an unmix'd good.

MR. SPROAT'S ADDRESS.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE BRITISH COLONIST. Sir:—In view of the importance of the coming contest it surprises me somewhat that no elector has deemed the address of Mr. Sproat sufficiently worthy of public comment. There can be no doubt that the views of an aspirant for legislative honors deserve some recognition. Unexpressed disapprobation would be quite sufficient answer to that gentleman's opinions as a private individual, but when he comes forward as a public character a little more notice should be taken of them. Brought forward by the Chamber of Commerce—himself a member of that body, it was but natural to suppose that he would come out boldly and advocate the class of interests which that Chamber was organized to protect, at the expense of the general prosperity of the colony. No tax on unimproved land, which would touch the pockets of landholders and speculators; no adjustment of the grossly unfair wholesale liquor license, compelling Wharf street merchants to bear a just proportion of taxation; no union with British Columbia; but maintain the free port if you ruin the country was the sense of the resolutions passed by the Chamber of Commerce and presented to the House. As the nominee of the Chamber of Commerce one would have thought that Mr. Sproat would have come out as the uncompromising agent of unselfishness. Unfortunately, however, honesty was not the best policy. It would not have done openly to deny as the free port party did at the public meeting held at the Theatre, "that taxation should be arranged on a more equitable policy," as such a course would not only insult the common sense of the community for which he came but little; but also ensure his own defeat, which he would not, like at all. It was necessary that he should, by a studied vagueness, endeavor to impose upon the electors, and by appearing all things to all men, seek by any means to catch some. The probability, however, appears to be that he will disgust all who value straightforwardsness in a candidate, and that he will be thrown back upon the safe keeping of that peculiarly constituted body which calls itself the Chamber of Commerce. That Mr. Sproat is not straightforward must be evident to every one who has read his address. It fills a column of the Wheat street paper, and yet he hides his opinions so carefully that nobody can tell from reading it what his principles are, or, indeed, whether he has any. The first subject he treats of is that of union, and this is the way he goes about it: "Union, in itself a difficult question, has become more involved by the introduction of unfortunate elements." What these unfortunate elements are Mr. Sproat does not attempt to tell us, although it is evident we cannot begin to get rid of them be-

fore we know what they are. Perhaps they are as involved as his meaning, which nobody, so far, has been able to discover. This is doubly unfortunate, because "many obstacles to the Union of this Island with British Columbia, have been produced by the animadversions of newspapers and politicians." These are probably too numerous to mention. Still he might have given us some of them, and perhaps would, only for the fact, as he admits with a candor nowhere else to be found in his address, "I am afraid." Mr. Sproat goes on to say that "a fresh impediment is now set before the friends of Union by the late vote of the House of Assembly," a vote, which he describes as "a mistake, and detestable of the appearance of honesty," it has also had the effect of paralyzing business that was retiving with the approach of spring. He has somehow confounded the Free Port with the Fraser, mistaken causes altogether, attributed to the threatened closing of the Free Port what is a consequence of the ice-bound river. This is scarcely excusable in a man of Mr. Sproat's presumed intelligence. If Mr. Sproat really thinks Union on terms acceptable to both colonies desirable, how does he make out the late vote in the House "a mistake?" If Union, as everyone admits, is desirable, what is more fit than saying that we want it, and if we want it why not ask for it upon the only ground we can possibly obtain it. The advantages of a Free Port are problematical, those of Union self-evident. If necessary what more sensible than giving up the former to secure the latter? Mr. Sproat says it is a mistake, but he never once stops to reason. He assumes we will take his assertion "on trust" a very bold assumption truly. After the manner in which Mr. Sproat has written concerning Union there is something refreshingly cool in the statement, "I shall speak as frankness make you acquainted with my opinion of a tariff." This must be meant as a joke. I am inclined to think Mr. Sproat will not be in the humor to enjoy "it" the day after the election. The proper return for that kind of jesting with serious things is to place Mr. Sproat at the bottom of the poll. But what has he to say on the tariff? As with the Union so with the Tariff, it is a difficult question. He does not look upon difficulties as things to be overcome, but as a stumbling block and something to make men hesitate.

The laying of duties on imports, if found to be necessary for revenue, is not always of point of principle unreasoned, but I regret the most difficult task which any Legislature can undertake. He goes on to add, that it might be detrimental to the "morals" of the country, and might "crush many infant businesses and trades" or whose "infant businesses and trades" he aspires to nurse he does not attempt to say. He tells us nothing, he never even states whether a Tariff for the purposes of revenue is desirable for this colony, something which everybody is desirous of ascertaining. It is for the electors to accord Mr. Sproat that obscurity with which he seeks to envelop his opinions. The aim of the candidate creeps out when he charges those who seek to protect native industry as endeavoring "to add to the expenses and reduce the wages of the working men." What a falsehood. The very object of protection is to raise a revenue in such a manner that not only taxation would not be felt, but employment would be given to the hundreds who have been deprived of it by the competition of over-populated countries, whose productions have been thrown on this market—thanks to the Freeport, to the destruction of our Island industries. Mr. Sproat could not boldly support the present iniquitous land system. His remarks are made with his usual "frankness." I shall discourage a mild word for a great evil, the continuation of regulations which afford opportunities to speculators of holding large tracts of unimproved land. Without giving any adhesion to any measure which might seem like "confiscation of existing rights!" Here is a reservation. Why it makes a burlesque of the whole question. The cry is tax speculators and unlock the lands. Mr. Sproat answers, "existing rights" are sacred; you must not meddle with them; but I am in favor of preventing you taking up land at present unoccupied. Mr. Sproat is, however, going to benefit the miners. It is pleasing to find one class at any rate that he intends benefiting. "I shall advocate the most liberal policy on the subject of the working of the gold mines." He does not say what the policy consists of—Facts or figures would be altogether out of place in Mr. Sproat's generalities. Had he proposed to further the making of good roads, or assist in developing industries, which would give them employment when "broke," and enable them to make a "raise," he would have done as much as miners expected and more than he is ever likely to accomplish.

The great improvement in the present deplorable condition of the colony, Mr. Sproat thinks, could "be effected if persons were enabled to invest their surplus earnings in Loan Investment Societies." The gentleman who suggests a remedy such as this must be in disgraceful ignorance of the state of affairs at present existing. Nobody is troubled about investing "surplus earnings," what perplexes most people is how to make both ends meet. Lack of employment is the great evil, not the absence of savings' banks. If any free port advocates could devise a scheme by which remunerative occupations could be found for those now suffering from their necessities and a forced idleness, they might, with some confidence, appeal to the electors to support free port and disunion. As the matter at present stands I cannot see how any man who is desirous of seeing Vancouver Island and British Columbia go forward and prosper like Australia, California, or Canada, can conscientiously support the advocates of a policy which threatens with death every industry which can make of this country. Every elector, on a question so important as Union or disunion, should waive all personal preference and vote the union ticket, and nothing but the ticket.

AN ELECTOR. LARGE FARMER.—Mr. Sproat is called by his organ one of the largest farmers in the Island. We believe that the settlers at the defunct Alberni mills had a few acres of cabbages under cultivation, but they did not belong to Mr. Sproat. That gentleman does not own one inch of soil so far as we know on the Island.

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