

know better it is satisfactory that Englishmen, with their clear knowledge of economic affairs, can take so lenient a view of a perpetual series of blunders which must be almost criminal in the light of their clearer understanding. *Toronto Globe.*

It is questionable whether this idea, as *The Globe* suggests, is a fair expression of English opinion regarding our protection policy, for there is a deep undercurrent of sentiment in England strongly in favor of some sort of protection that will protect the British workman against the fierce competition of France, Belgium and Germany. *The Globe* and the *Daily News* are facetious in extending to us the pardon age extends to youth—in fact their facetiousness really amounts to insolence. No doubt the rulers of Britain are possessors of much knowledge in statesmanship, but all such knowledge is not confined to the British rulers. *The Globe* forgets that there are several other nations and peoples on the earth, all of which are doing about as well, financially and otherwise, as Britain, and that not one of them has a fiscal system such as hers, for, with the exception of Great Britain, every nation on the face of the earth practise and observe protection. All these nations—Russia, Germany, France, Spain, Italy, United States are not poor, young, inexperienced, nor impulsive, as *The Globe* says they are, neither can Canada be ranked as such. *The Globe*, and the Englishmen who imagine they have a clearer knowledge of economic affairs than all the rest of the world, are conceited. They are like the one obstinate man on the jury who thought he alone was right and the other eleven wrong.

Speaking of the boot and shoe industry the *Montreal Herald* says:—

A low tariff will help every indigenous industry; and as the shoe trade is peculiarly one native to the country it should rejoice at the prospect of freedom from the conditions which to-day hamper its development.

Our esteemed contemporary has a way of rolling the words indigenous industry beneath its tongue as it would a sweet morsel, losing sight of the fact that, correctly speaking, no manufacturing industry is or can be indigenous. Certain varieties of animals and trees may be indigenous to Canada, but manufacturing industries, no. They are exotics.

A neat and deserved compliment is paid to Sir Charles Tupper by Don, the well-known and facile writer in *Saturday Night*, of Toronto, in the following:—

I imagine that many of the great honors bestowed by the Queen upon the remains of Sir John Thompson were suggested by Sir Charles Tupper. Her Majesty has too much to think of to be concerned as greatly in the death of a colonial premier as she appears to have been, even though the death occurred in her own castle. With his great experience and his natural aptitude for such affairs Sir Charles Tupper without doubt induced Her Majesty to bestow extraordinary evidences of attention on Sir John Thompson's funeral. All of these are to the advantage of Canada, and it is not at all cold-blooded in speaking of the death of one of this country's greatest sons to point out that in death, as well as in life, he was an important and conspicuous link in the chain of empire which surrounds the world. That so much attention has been paid to him and his lamentable death is only quoted as another

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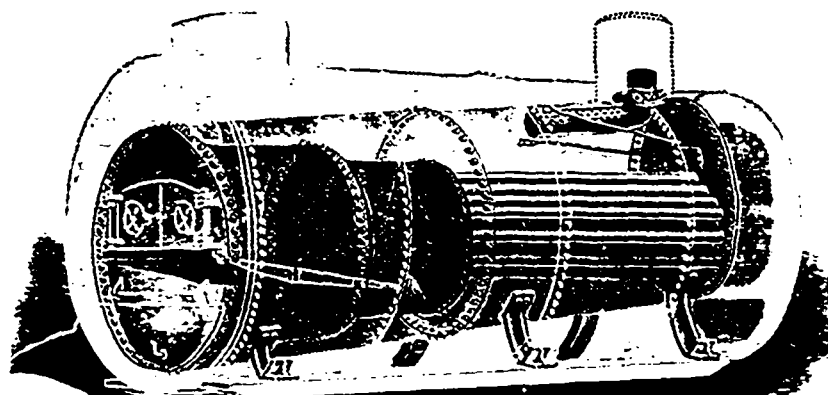
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