

out of the Government. Mr. Fisher, and the agency controlled by that Minister, demanded a further assault upon industry. The Toronto Globe announces in triumphant tones, that the work is certainly to be continued. It threatens, as another instalment, a further increase in the British preference, which, as we all know, is more useful to Germany than the Motherland. Tariff changes there will be, says the organ, but they will all be in the direction of freedom or free trade, and not of restriction or defence for Canadian labor. In the far East the Halifax Chronicle has taken up the tunc. That paper represents the situation as one appertaining exclusively to the manufacturers. It throws aside with contempt the interests of the great army of operatives skilled in industrial lines, the interests of the merchants who sell to them, and the interests of the farmer who feed them. The manufacturers, we are told, have huge funds at their disposal. They intend to place these funds where they will do the most good; that is to say, they intend to buy the politicians as cheaply as possible, and in turn to sell themselves to the politicians at fancy prices.

"Their aim is to secure adequate protection for Canadian industry. They did this once before, and the N. P. was the outcome. Then the Liberal party came into power, but even they, fresh from the people, had not the strength or the courage to carry out their undertakings in full. The day for action has come, for, says the Halifax Chronicle:

'Now is the time for Canada to resist—to make an effective stand for industrial and commercial freedom. Everything but the interests of the combined manufacturers and a few contemptible, time-serving politicians, urges the people to stand firm. Will the people encounter the certainty of being plundered and trampled upon for years to come for the gratification of any petty partisan considerations, or that a few selfish manufacturing and political schemers may triumph?'

"The anti-Canadian policy is thus preached. It is war to the knife against Canadian industry, against the Canadian workman, and against the Canadian farmer, although as a political or diplomatic expedient, the manufacturer is mentioned as the criminal in the case. Mr. Tarte's efforts to graft a Canadian policy upon the party have been so far in vain. The more earnestly he has urged the abandonment of the old views, the more violently have the doctrines been asserted, and the more threatening has the attitude of the anti-Canadian wing become. The situation now, in view of the fury with which the general interests are attacked, is more serious for the people than it has been for years. There is a pronounced element in the party that will not listen to reason, and that, even if it should make a temporary surrender, or consent to another compromise to protect itself in office for a few years, cannot possibly be trusted. In the past it has been difficult to understand