

Peace, having been restored, the Government began to lay the foundations broad and deep of a Great Nation.

THE TARIFF.

The Conservative Customs Tariff, which bore heavily on the consumer, and which was not even fairly arranged in the interests of the manufacturers, was promptly revised.

In their revision, the Liberal Government steered clear of adopting extreme views. Conflicting interests were carefully considered, and the Government arranged their Tariff so as to give all sections of the community a fair show. The farmer was benefitted by Binder Twine, Barbed Wire, Indian Corn, Cream Separators, and other articles, being placed on the Free List, and by the reduction of duties on Agricultural Implements, and staple goods of daily necessity, notably, Coal Oil, and Cotton and Woollen goods. Manufacturers were helped by a reduction of the duties on raw materials, and by a more intelligent grouping and arrangement of the Tariff. The development of the Iron and Steel, and Lead Mining industries were helped by means of Bounties.

From time to time since the first revision changes were made, and in 1906 a general revision took place.

As regards all these changes, the Government kept steadily in view the one object—TO DEAL FAIRLY WITH THE WHOLE PEOPLE, AND NOT FAVOUR UNDULY ANY PARTICULAR SECTION.

Tariff revision is best judged by the results. What are they?

TAXATION REDUCED.

In 1896, under the Conservative Tariff, \$18.28 was the average amount paid upon every \$100 worth of goods imported into the country.

Under the Liberals, the average rates per annum have been as follows:

1897.....	\$17.87
1898.....	16.95
1899.....	16.70
1900.....	15.98
1901.....	16.06
1902.....	15.09
1903.....	15.87
1904.....	16.28
1905.....	16.04
1906.....	15.73
1907.....	15.66

If, since the Liberals have been in power, the Conservative average rate of taxation in 1896 had been levied upon all the imports, nearly Fifty Million Dollars more duties would have been collected. That is the fair measure of the reduction of taxation brought about by the Liberals.