

SIXTY YEARS
OF
PROTECTION IN CANADA
1846-1907

WHERE INDUSTRY LEANS ON THE POLITICIAN

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'There is no policy more consistent with what we call the Dark Ages of the world than that of protection as a principle. There is no principle more consonant with the advance of human freedom, no principle more in accordance with the great prosperity that prevails in our time, than that of absolute freedom of commerce.'—ALEXANDER MACKENZIE, Premier of Canada, 1874-78.

'If the National Policy had any basis at all it was that the bread of the people should be taxed. It was an inhuman policy that would make bread and fuel dearer.

'It is always easy to increase the tariff, because by so doing you increase the private fortunes of certain individuals.'—SIR WILFRID LAURIER, Premier of Canada.

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