

## THE TARIFF.

The Liberal Government revised, reformed and reduced the Tariff.

In 1896 the average duty paid on all goods imported was \$18.28 per \$100, whereas last year only \$15.88 was paid.

If the average duties imposed during the Conservative administration of 18 years had been imposed during the last seven years, over 30 million dollars more money would have been collected from the people.

Manufacturers were assisted by material reductions in duties on iron and steel and other raw materials.

The farmer got Free Binder Twine, Indian Corn, Barbed and other Fencing Wire Cream Separators, etc., substantial reductions in his favor were also made on many agricultural implements, on Hardware, Woollens, Cottons, Linens, Glassware, Hats, Caps, Furs and on many other staple commodities.

A substantial preference was granted to Great Britain. Direct result, British imports which formerly declined greatly, have doubled—and our exports have also largely increased.

Canada led the way in Imperial Preferential Trade—South Africa has followed suit. New Zealand has promised to do so; Australia may act likewise—and it is possible that Great Britain may also revise her trade faith and adopt the principle.

Mark it well, if ever we get a preference in the British Market for our food products, it will be the direct fruit and result of the Canadian Liberal Government's preferential Tariff.

Chamberlain has put our preference, with