

has supplied the need. When such a man presumes to make such a threat the people of Manitoba and of Winnipeg may see how low in the estimation of outsiders they have allowed themselves to sink. Did Sir George believe that the people of the province were men, he, as sharply as any one, would see how wildly foolish such a course must be. But judging them by the majority of their representatives and consequently believing them to be mere things he undertakes to dictate to them as Gen. Middleton would not have attempted to dictate to the half-breeds after Batoche. All the farmer's union resolutions, all the indignation meetings, all the grit newspapers and politicians could not have explained so fully or so truly the positions respectively occupied towards each other by the people of Manitoba and the C. P. R. company as this telegram. He says in effect "Our heel is on your neck, and if you dare to complain or try to get out from under, we will grind you in the dust." There is something worthy of careful thought in the idea of the *Bulletin* that Stephen judged of the people of Manitoba by the majority of their representatives. The trouble has been, that Manitoba has been partizan first, and pressing interests have been obliged to take a second place. Was it not partizanism that brought about the disgusting miscarriage of justice which resulted in the election of A. W. Ross? And is not Winnipeg represented by an extreme partizan of the toady stripe at that? The people of Manitoba are not blameless for for the insult which has been cast upon them, for in allowing the return to Parliament of such contemptibles as A. W. Ross, they have courted the treatment due to cringing mercenaries.

### The Duty on Wool Fabrics.

When the new duty on woolen fabrics was announced, it was generally felt throughout the trade that the arrangement would press heavily and unjustly upon the consumers of the lower grades of woolen goods, while it would discriminate in favor of the users of the light and expensive fabrics. For instance on some of the cheap and heavy imported fabrics, the duty by weight with the *ad valorem* duty would amount to 92 per cent. while on some of the more expensive goods which are light it would only amount to 22½ to 25 per cent., thus working in the very reverse way to what it was conceived the framers intended. An influential deputation, representing the wholesale trade of Toronto, Montreal, Hamilton and Quebec, proceeded to Ottawa to represent the effect of the duty. It consisted of Messrs. E. B. Greenshields, Jas. Slessor, J. P. Cleghorn, J. A. Robertson, R. McCay, Alf. Thibaudau, from Montreal and Quebec; John Macdonald, F. Wylde, A. Caldecott and W. Cockshutt from Toronto; and Mr. Knox of Hamilton; Sir Charles Tupper received them, and after hearing their views promised the subject immediate consideration. Sir Charles has met the case promptly by a graduated scale, as follows:

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