

exemption from taxation will be for a period of at least ten years, and to date from the commencement of operations.

Important to Manufacturers.—Protective Duties.

IN order to encourage all classes of manufacturing industries in Canada, the Government have imposed heavy duties ranging from fifteen to forty per cent. on the classes of goods enumerated by us, so as to expressly provide ample protection to all home industries being established in this Dominion. Canada has hitherto been distinguished chiefly as an agricultural country, but the people have determined that *she shall become a manufacturing country as well*, so that the large amount of money received for the produce of her rich soil shall not all be swallowed up in paying for goods manufactured abroad. The field which is thus *being opened up to manufacturers* is one which is destined to be exceedingly profitable to those who come over without delay. Everything points directly and indirectly to the fact that in no period of our country's history has the outlook been so promising for the successful introduction of manufacturing industries of all descriptions as at the present moment. Our great North-Western prairies are filling up with a rapidity entirely unprecedented in the history of colonization, and the opinion is freely expressed by men of large experience and keen observation that unless the industrial establishments of Canada are very largely augmented and their productive powers greatly increased, they will be entirely inadequate to meet the immediate and ever growing wants of the settlers,—and such lack of productive power, it is feared, may seriously retard the settlement of our great North-West. It is the duty, therefore, of the people of the older settled parts of Canada to be “up and doing” their