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AN AUSTRALIAN VIEW OF PROTECTION

(From the Sunday Times, Perth, West Australia.)

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"The Government has again been tinkering with the tariff, in the vain hope of staying the clamor of certain protectionist manufacturers without arousing fresh envy, cupidity, dissatisfaction or resentment in other quarters. The obvious difficulty, not to say impossibility, of the task should have made them reluctant to attempt it apart from any consideration of the effect on the people as a whole.

"For, if we are to take advantage of the magnificent natural resources of our island continent, we must continue to export, in increasing quantities, our wool, wheat, gold, butter, fruit, hides, timber and other products of our primary industries, and the goods which we receive in exchange from other countries must be mainly manufactured articles. So, to prevent any particular manufactured articles from obtaining admission must cause some other manufactured articles to enter. We cannot keep them all out, unless we retain and consume our natural products in our own country, which is manifestly impossible.

"And every alteration of the tariff if it benefits or satisfies some manufacturers must injure or dissatisfy others, and lead to still further demands for alterations. To this process there can be no finality until the increase of tariff exactions, direct and indirect, so forces up the price of commodities and the cost of living that the primary industries which receive assistance from protection become unprofitable, and our exports fall off. Then the state of things protectionists aim at may come about, and imports in turn decrease, but only because the community has been impoverished by the protectionist system.

"Surely it is time the Labor Party, which claims to represent the wealth-producers, should abandon a system which can only exist by decreasing the purchasing power of wages and giving a larger share of the wealth produced to those 'who toil not neither do they spin.' The hope for the masses of mankind lies not in trade restrictions but in a further extension of freedom—freedom of production as well as freedom of exchange—the abolition of all special privileges, and the attainment of equal opportunities by all."

BRITISH COAL STRIKE

The British coal strike, as a result of which 5,000,000 workers are idle, is likely to be settled within a few days, the government having determined to pass a bill enforcing a minimum wage for all underground workers.

The Brandon Commercial Bureau are sending out a splendid booklet to advertise the possibilities of the Wheat City. The booklet shows the beauties and benefits of the city in a splendid manner and is a triumph of the printer's art. It was printed by the Public Press, Winnipeg.