

is true that a number of Canadian woollen manufacturers are losing money while keeping their factories in operation. Why don't they shut down at once, then? Because having a large amount of capital invested in the industry they do not wish to abandon it without some effort to secure just consideration of their claims for protection. "Why not shut down temporarily?" someone asks. "Would not that be the most effective way of drawing public attention to the necessity for protection?" The answer is that if the Canadian factories shut down, the skilled workmen would quickly drift to the United States, and it would be most difficult to bring them together again. Then it would be most injurious to the delicate, high-priced machinery of a modern woollen mill to stand idle even for a short time. Rust and dust very quickly damage such machinery. The woollen manufacturers believe that the Government will soon give a favorable response to their appeal for protection, and so they keep their factories running at a loss. They have presented their case in a very forcible manner. Their arguments may be briefly summarized as follows :

PROTECTION OF THREE INDUSTRIES

At present Canadian woollens have only $23\frac{1}{3}\%$ tariff protection against their most